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## MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.

### LATEST HAI-LUK FUNG REPORTS.

### THOUSANDS OF VILLAGERS SLAUGHTERED.

### CHILDREN KILLED.

Swatow, Feb. 9.

The delay of the authorities in dealing with the Hai-Luk Fung Communists has led to a serious extension of their activity. Reinforced as they are with a specially trained unit which came over to them from the retreating "Ironsides," and which possibly joined them because they were thoroughgoing Communists, they have succeeded in advancing from Hai-Luk Fung and joining hands with the Phou-leng Communists, who have been giving trouble for some months.

They have left in their wake two important places which they could not capture, Khue-tham on the main road north from the district, and Hui-lai, the city of the district of that name next to Lokhong. Their attempt on Khue-tham was foiled by an old brigadier of Chan Kwing-ming who had a secret store of arms and ammunition with which he defended trenches hastily dug round the place, driving off the Communists.

**Villages Burned.**

Hui-lai also was too strong for what is, after all, a numerically weak force. They accordingly took the route seawards of Hui-lai, and then struck inland westwards across Chaoyang, where they caused some consternation, and burnt some villages; they reached Phou-leng. They are not, so far as I am informed, in that district city, but they advanced on the large and wealthy village of Khu-leng, which has over ten thousand inhabitants; they were joined in the attack by a large number of local Communists. They met with a strong resistance, for, in addition to the inhabitants of the village proper, there were a number of refugees from neighbouring places.

The defences were manned in two lines, and the attack lasted for three days and nights. First, the outer defences were taken, and finally the whole place fell. The peasant Communists took a terrible and indiscriminate toll of life.

All accounts to hand describe how men women and children were killed, and as children ran out of the burning houses they were knocked over and deliberately trampled under foot.

**2,000 People Killed.**

When the danger was first apparent, a small detachment of some three hundred soldiers was sent by Chaoyang to the relief of the district, but these were surrounded by superior numbers and only with difficulty fought their way out. Reinforcements were sent in successive detachments on succeeding days to the number of some two thousand men, but they were too late to save Khé-leng. Of the inhabitants of that place it is reported that two thousand have lost their lives.

It is probable that there are sufficient troops to cope with the

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## U. S. PRESIDENCY.

### SENATE OBJECTS TO 3-YEAR TERM.

Washington, Feb. 10.

The U. S. Senate has passed, by 56 votes to 26, a resolution declaring that it is unwise, unpatriotic and dangerous for any President of the United States to hold office for three terms.

Later.

The Senate vote followed a three-day debate on the resolution placed on the table by Mr. La Follette. It was mainly supported by the Democrats, who drew attention to the two-term precedent established by George Washington's successor.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[President Coolidge's second term of office is shortly expiring, and under the terms of the above resolution he would naturally be debarred from again offering himself as a candidate.]

## SMART RETORT TO LABOUR.

### GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT SOCIALISM.

### THE COMING CONFLICT

London, Feb. 10.

The debate was continued in the House of Commons on the Labour amendment regretting that no mention was made in the King's Speech of measures designed to grapple with the pressing urgency of unemployment.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade replied to the Labour attacks on the Government's record in this matter. He said that from the charges launched against the Government it was clear that the issue lay between Socialism and private enterprise.

Sir Philip said:—"It is a great issue that is going to be before the country. It is an issue on which we shall fight at the next election and on which you and we have got to justify to the electors our alternative policies." The policy advocated by the Opposition was a policy of nationalisation, accompanied by a large relief scheme. Without doubt, the more nationalisation they had, the more relief they would have, because in competitive industries, to-day, the qualities which were necessary for success were just those qualities they could never get in State enterprise. The Government policy was to try and help the nation to remunerative trade and thus promote employment. There was no greater field overseas than the development of Empire markets, and the whole policy of the Government was to give Imperial Preference wherever it could, consistently with its fiscal position. He mentioned the safeguarding measures of the Government assisted Home industries.

The motor car industry, for instance, had been helped forward by the import duties and thus provided more work. Every measure of the Government had helped employment. "I say without hesitation, whether we are challenged in this House or in the country, by experience and by proof we will stand on our policy as against yours."—*British Wireless.*

## MOB THREAT TO SIR ALFRED MOND.

### BAGDAD AGITATORS ROUSE CROWD TO FURY.

### ESCAPE BY A DETOUR.

Bagdad, Feb. 10.

Sir Alfred Mond, the eminent British financier, Lady Mond and their daughter, with a party of eleven, were compelled to enter Bagdad by a circuitous route after making the severe journey across the desert.

The detour was made in order to escape a threatening mob of at least ten thousand who had been induced by political propagandists to believe that Sir Alfred Mond's visit was connected with the introduction into Irak of Zionist principles similar to Palestine.

Six miles outside the city, the party transferred from the desert six-wheeler saloon in which they had crossed to four light cars, in which they were raced to the British Residency.

In the meantime the enraged mob, shouting "Down with Zionism!" had stopped several cars and robbed the local passengers, whom they thought belonged to the Mond party.

Eventually the mounted police were ordered out, and they charged and cleared the demonstrators.—*Reuter.*

## DISASTROUS FIRE.

### SIX FATALITIES IN U.S. OUTBREAK.

New York, Feb. 10.

A message from Long Beach, California, states that an entire block of houses in the City, including an oil refinery, was burned down this morning. There were six fatalities.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## EDITH CAVELL WAR FILM.

### FOREIGN SECRETARY CRITICISES.

### STRONGEST REPUGNANCE TO ITS PRODUCTION.

### APPEAL TO "TAY PAY."

London, Feb. 10.

Much discussion has been aroused by the film entitled, "Dawn", produced by the Dominions Film Company, which reconstructs the story of Edith Cavell, the English nurse, who in 1915 was court-martialled, and shot, during the German occupation of Brussels, for helping prisoners of war to escape.

The film has not yet been exhibited, nor has it yet passed the Board of Film Censors.

This board, of which Mr. T. P. O'Connor is the president, has no official status, but is the organisation voluntarily established by the members of the film trade. Although the makers of the film contend that its underlying theme is against war and its horrors, and that there is nothing in the incidents portrayed that should give offence to any nation, the view is strongly held in many quarters that its exhibition at the present might revive bitter memories of the War, and retard the healing process of time.

**German Embassy's Action.**

The German Embassy in London have made inquiries on the subject and it has been explained that apart from the suppression by the Home Office on the score of immorality, the Government has no power of censorship over films.

Although no official representations have been made to the Board of Censors, it is, however, understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain felt so strongly about the character of the film, as described in the Press, that he personally phoned to Mr. T. P. O'Connor on the subject and drew his attention to its nature.

The Foreign Secretary's views are expressed in a letter sent to Mr. Wilcox, the producer of "Dawn" in reply to an invitation to a private view of the film. After stating that he feels obliged to decline the invitation, Sir Austen Chamberlain says that the story of Nurse Cavell is a very noble one and her memory will be held in reverence not only by her countrymen, but by all to whatever country they belong, whether friend or former enemy, who admire selfless devotion to duty and serene fortitude in the hour of her trial.

**Loss of Beauty.**

It may be possible to present such a story pictorially without the loss of its beauty, and without the danger of controversy, when the lapse of years had made it history, but for himself, Sir Austen feels that it is more beautiful in his memory than any picture could make it.

If the accounts in the newspapers are correct, he would be even less willing to attend the performance.

He knows of no authority to justify certain incidents as presented in the film and their representation can only produce controversy over the grave of a woman who has become one of the world's heroines.

**Strongest Repugnance.**

Nurse Cavell had no thought of fame or self, but can one doubt what her feeling would have been if she had thought such a use was to be made of her sacrifice? There are war films which, whilst recalling heroic deeds and the endurance of our own people, call forth no bitter feelings elsewhere, but serve only to unite all men in admiration of heroism and fortitude. But this film appears to be of an entirely different character, and he must frankly say he feels the strongest repugnance to its production.—*British Wireless.*

### BIG U.S. EXPLOSION.

New York, Feb. 10.

A message from Everett, Mass., states that five persons have been killed and thirty injured following an explosion of several high-pressure stills at an oil company's works.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## FENG YU-HSIANG IN PERIL.

### HIS OWN GENERAL ATTACKS HIM IN REAR.

### THREAT TO ARSENAL.

Peking, Feb. 10.

The return to Peking last night of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is causing considerable comment in view of the fact that he only returned from Peking to Tsinanfu after the New Year Conference a fortnight ago.

It is officially stated that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has come to obtain funds for the payment of his troops, but among the other suggested reasons for his visit which are being widely rumoured, are that he has come to urge a big campaign against the South, to urge peace with the South, or urge peace with Shansi.

His visit has brought about a change in the plans of the Ankuochun. Generals Yang Yu-ting and Chang Tso-hsiang, together with other high military officers, were leaving with the object of launching attacks against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and against Shansi.

Their departure has now been postponed indefinitely.

**Railway Cut.**

A semi-official message states that General Hsu Chow-chun, who has been stationed with his troops near Loyang, has revolted against the Kuominchun and is now attacking Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in the rear. As far as can be ascertained, he turned on Feng on Feb. 6th., and is now attacking Kunghsien, where Feng's only arsenal is situated. He is also reported to have cut communications between the Lunghai railhead and Chengchow, thus hindering the supply of ammunition from Shensi to Feng Yu-hsiang.—*Reuter.*

## INDIA DISMISSES HER CHANCE.

### RESERVE BANK SACRIFICED TO POLITICS.

### SHARE SPECULATION.

New Delhi, Feb. 10.

After long criticisms, the Indian Assembly to-day passed a resolution in favour of the adjournment of the Reserve Bank Bill *sine die.*

The Oppositition attacked the Government for an hour over the failure of the Bill, Mr. Jamna Dasmehta declaring that the country would heave a sigh of relief at its death.

Pundit Malaviya criticised the present financial system, under which he said 300,000,000 people were subject to the control of one man, who was six hundred miles away.

Mr. Lajpatrai said that the Government should be warned by this lesson not to try to rule the country by officials nominated by its members against the will of the people.

**Sacrificed to Politics.**

Bombay, Feb. 10.

Following the withdrawal of the Reserve Bank Bill by the Government, there was considerable speculation in Imperial Bank shares, which rose a hundred points. There can be little or no doubt that commercial circles in India want the Reserve Bank, but the opinion is held that the opportunity for India to attain financial autonomy has been sacrificed to political motives.—*Reuter.*

## SPANISH SOPRANO STOPS PANIC.

### GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND IN EARTHQUAKE.

Mexico City, Feb. 10.

Panic in a theatre last night, as the result of the most severe earthquake shock in recent years, lasting several minutes and dislocating local seismographs, was averted by the presence of mind of a Spanish soprano.

When the theatre began to rock the terrified spectators jumped to their feet and started to dash toward the exits. The orchestra stopped playing, but the soprano continued her song and prevented a stampede. There were no casualties.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## HONGKONG RACE MEETING.

### OUTLOOK FOR THE DERBY.

### SELECTIONS FOR MONDAY.

[By "Wireless."]

The final gallops in preparation for the annual race meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which will be held at Happy Valley on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, took place this morning before a record attendance of owners and racing enthusiasts.

The first race each day will be run at noon and the saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m.

Judging from the wonderful times performed by some old ponies, Derby and subscription Griffins, there will certainly be some fine finishes, and punters in general will have a somewhat difficult task to spot the winners. In fact, any one interested in racing, should not fail to make a trip to Happy Valley, as the Meeting will be one of the best seen for many years past.

The classic event of the first day will be the "Valley Stakes" for subscription griffins of this season, its inception being as far back as the year 1876, and other classic events are the "Trial Plate" for Derby griffins and the "Victoria Stakes" for old ponies.

**The Derby.**

As usual, the chief interest is centred in the main event, the Hongkong Derby, which will be run on Tuesday, and which is very open. The probable starters for the Blue riband will most likely be:—Winsome Stag, Monterey Bay, Sitting Bull, Heir Apparent, New Year's Eve, Peck or Pickle, and November. According to the best times returned during the training season for the distance, the order of places should be:

Heir Apparent ..... 1.
November ..... 2.
Sitting Bull ..... 3.

Personally, I much prefer November and Pickle, giving preference to the former, but after the results of the first day's racing, a better opinion can be formed.

Of the subscription griffins' races, these will as usual draw big fields, and I can only advise punters to go slowly on the first day, as there are many good ponies. I understand that Mr. Maitland has been booked to ride Dunfries, with Mr. Pote Hunt on Mevanagher. The popular Chinese jockey, Mr. Wong will be up on O-Moon and Mr. Heard on Erstwhile.

**Selections for Monday.**

My selections for the first day are:

**Wong Nei Chong Stakes.**
The Haugh ..... 1.
King Constantine .... 2.
Northern Stag ..... 3.

**Maiden Stakes.**
Winsome Stag ..... 1.
Peck ..... 2.
Coos Bay ..... 3.

**Victoria Stakes.**
Chesapeake Bay ..... 1.
San Francisco ..... 2.
Warrington ..... 3.

**Valley Stakes.**
Erstwhile ..... 1.
O-Moon ..... 2.
Mevanagher ..... 3.

**Trial Plate.**
November or Pickle .. 1.
Boxing Eve ..... 3.

**Governor's Cup.**
Elliot Bay ..... 1.
Bengal ..... 2.
San Diego ..... 3.

**Garrison Cup.**
Bing Boy ..... 1.
Kom Tong Hall ..... 2.
Festive Eve ..... 3.

**Chater Cup.**
Brigade Call ..... 1.
The Gomeril ..... 2.
Grey Knight ..... 3.

**Racing Stakes.**
Heir Apparent ..... 1.
Sitting Bull ..... 2.
New Year's Eve .... 3.

**Jockey Club Stakes.**
King of Hearts ..... 1.
Ukelele ..... 2.
Bright Eve. ..... 3.

**Kalgan Plate.**
Spinner ..... 1.
Fair Eyes ..... 2.
Ploughman ..... 3.

# Bulls and Inners

### From the Office Butts.

There are apparently some people who wish to see C Wu off.

Chinese officials in Shasi have all been ordered to be vaccinated. Now they'll all start from scratch.

"March Stolen," says a *China Mail* headline. Only 11 pay days this year?

The difference between a late Peak tram car and a sardine tin is you can't get another sardine in the tin.

The new Ford can do 65 miles an hour on the open road, but what we'd like to know is how many people it can wake up when it's being tuned up at 8.30 on a Sunday morning.

"Health Matters," says a *Post* headline repeating the Rockefeller aphorism about stomachs.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of gloves—especially on February 14.

In Observatory reports, the expectation of fog is never missed.

Some of these winter sales have been a regular tug-of-wear.

The Scots guards is the spot where the deoch and doris reaches on Burns Nicht.

The most remarkable of last week-end features were those of Jose Pintos da Silva.

A man who stopped to point out to a motorist that pedestrians have their rights is now eating grapes in a recumbent position.

"From time immemorial," says a contemporary, "the priests of Tibet have been dancing a kind of Charleston without being aware of the fact." We've suffered the same experience.

Billy:—We know nothing about birth control, although some correspondents make us feel that way.

Now that the Sahara has been correctly surveyed, people when told to go to Timbuctoo will know where they are.

The advertiser who wishes to meet a partner in fencing, is not hedging.

Many of these world tourists are prominent people, especially in front.

Some of these Indians are apparently under the mistaken impression that they are entertaining a Simple Simon.

After the clash of opinion in a Lancashire church, Bishops may now be expected to pronounce an opinion on the Darwen theory.

On the authority of a local contemporary, the first high-flier was a lady named Kitty Hawk.

The student who looped the loop several hundred times, in America, must be a revolutionary.

Lots of people will be wooing Miss Fortune next week.

World peace is a fine ideal, but a London music shop sold seventy saxaphones during Christmas.

It can be said of the American stenographer who became an opera star that she knew her notes.

The week's simile: As miserable as a near-sighted onion-peeler.

Some of these lads who ought to be wedded to their work evidently regard it as nothing more than a companionate marriage.

Dwellers in flats will probably be interested to know that they can find "The Man Upstairs" in Kowloon's picture theatre.

Chinese Customs are not easily changed.

The difference between a Klaxon and a Claxton is that one is an atmospheric noise and the other annoys atmospherically.

This week's cinema sub-title: "Ma christened him Cain because he wasn't able."

In a letter from Home, MacWhirter learns that many London Scotsmen spent New Year's Eve and 12s. 6d. in the vicinity of St. Paul's.

The recent cold snap made Shanghai a Snow Man's Land.

"Canton's Knitted Sweaters," says an advertisement in a Chinese paper. Sweated knitters, too, perhaps.

An American businessman is said to have made two fortunes out of tinned beef. That's bully.

A new London restaurant is to be decorated in the Cubist style. A good place for a square meal.

We read of the forthcoming "Hawaii manoeuvres." Hula, hula!

*"I was once a bridesmaid at a wedding!"*

*"That's nothing. I was once a witness in a divorce case!"*

Judging by the fashion papers, new coiffures are bobbing up.

We suppose the film censor's job is to knock the sin out of cinema.

There was a great deal in store for the two shiploads of visitors who arrived yesterday.

With reference to the suggestion for a Rotary Club in Hongkong, it is understood that this does not mean enrolment of individuals who leave their club with a rotary motion.

Advocacy of the World Court idea by an American Senator named *Gillett*, ought to ensure that it will promote international *safety.*

A stray bat from the belfry: What would a thirsty beer drinker do if he were offered a whole cascade?

A reader advises us that a raw potato carried in the trousers pocket is a preventative against rheumatism. *Pommes* deter, he says!

After all, it is better to pose than decompose.

Health Note: The only method of ridding yourself of the deadly bazaar is to emigrate.

The Taipo Home Industries Association is making active preparation for the reception of visitors from our tourist ships. Samples of mosquito larvae will be distributed to those interested. Otherwise ——

The solitary recruit for the Navy League by a prominent member should be rated as a Chief Stoker.

The wedding photograph in the *Telegraph*, with a footnote relative to railways, must have referred to the bride's train.

The Y.M.C.A. was beaten at billiards by the K.C.C. The latter know the value of a "spot," of course.

Let's hope that City Hall, entered for the Races, won't tumble down.

When the politicians have finished, it will be called The Book of Commons Prayer.

With television perfected, another of Nature's secrets will be Baird.

Monday may be the 13th, but lots of folk will chance their luck anyhow.

A professor has gone to Egypt to translate an ancient medical manuscript. And suppose it should turn out to be only another lady telling about her operation!

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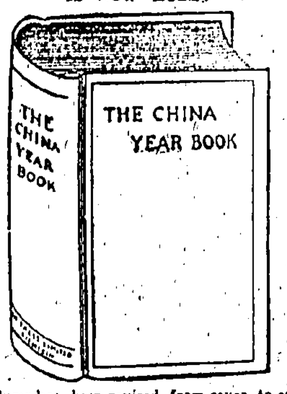


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## LAW SOCIETY'S ACTION.

### LEGAL POINT DELAYS DECISION.

The case in which C. M. Houghton was summoned by the Law Society for an alleged offence under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The second witness called by the defence was the Rev. Brother Aimar, Director of St. Joseph's College, who stated that until his resignation, with effect from the 31st of last month, Houghton was teaching at the College.

Rev. Bro. Aimar, replying to Houghton, said that on two, and perhaps three occasions, during last month, Houghton did ask for leave of absence during the daytime, and on one occasion, perhaps two, that leave was refused.

Houghton proceeded to put further questions as regards the precise hours, when Mr. Blake interposing said: There is no suggestion in the summons against Mr. Houghton for being absent on the afternoon of the 20th January. The witness in the box said indeed he was present. The summonses were against Mr. Houghton for writing a letter on the 18th, writing another letter on the 20th, and participating in an interview on the 19th. It may simplify matters if the Rev. Brother wishes to give evidence.

His Worship said he thought defendant was entitled to discredit other witness's evidence by calling for and giving evidence on those points.

**Question of Time.**

Resuming his evidence, Rev. Bro. Aimar said: I remember that perhaps on two or three occasions during the course of the month he asked for leave of absence, and on one occasion, or on two occasions (I am not sure, and I cannot speak as to the dates) I refused.

His Worship: Thank you, you need not wait any longer.

Called by Houghton, Siu Cheukhing deposed as to the nature of his employment in the defendant's Company which was interpreted from the Chinese term as "a broker."

Replying to Houghton, witness said he was certain Houghton was not in the office at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th.

Replying to another question, witness also said he knew a man named Suen.

An objection came at this stage from Mr. D. H. Blake against what he termed the "leading" character of the questions.

Resuming, witness agreed, in reply to a further question from Houghton, that no attempt was made to detain Pang Chau as a prisoner. Pang Chau was in the office on the 19th, and witness did not hear any threats of "deportation" being uttered by Houghton.

**A Broker.**

Mr. Blake, cross-examining witness, asked: You are a broker? You are a broker in what?—

Witness replied that he worked for Houghton's Company, the South China Trade Protection Association, as a canvasser, and also arranged advertisements in the newspapers for this Company.

Mr. Blake: That is not a broker. Everybody knows what a broker is.

Mr. Blake added that defendant used the English word.

His Worship: He used the word in Chinese i.e. *king kei*, to which my interpreter could give the ordinary name of "broker." I think the Chinese word includes canvasser, you agree with me, Mr. Lau?

Mr. Lau, the Interpreter, agreed.

Mr. Blake, resuming his examination of the witness, asked: The letter referred to was the letter of the 18th, Exhibit A. "Criminal Proceedings."

Witness: I never saw those letters before.

Were books of the Chau Hing firm referred to?—Yes, account books of the Chau Hing were mentioned.

Was there any suggestion made by anybody that unless accounts were settled criminal proceedings would be taken?—No; I did not hear anything said. I heard something said to this effect: "You have to settle this account, otherwise complainant will take proceedings against you."

**The Complainant.**

Who is the complainant, there is no complainant?—Complainant was there at the time.

Give his name?—Chung Kin.

Who said complainant would take proceedings, this Houghton or—?

Witness: Complainant himself said.

In what language?—Chinese.

It was Chung Kin himself who was complainant, there is no doubt about that?—Yes.

As you have given evidence about the afternoon of the 20th, how long was Pang Chau in the office that afternoon?—He arrived at half-past three and remained there till five.

So that according to you, he was there for one hour and a half?—Yes.

During that hour and a half, what were you doing?—Nothing.

At the conclusion of this witness' evidence his Worship asked Houghton if he had anything further to say, to which defendant replied that he had nothing further to say unless his Worship wanted to ask a few questions.

His Worship: That would be a most irregular procedure.

Houghton then stated that he did not ask the complainant for 20% as his Worship could see from the evidence of witnesses. He also stated he did not mention anything regarding criminal proceedings.

**The Association.**

On being invited by his Worship to speak, Mr. Blake said: "The evidence that has been brought before the Court would make it appear that the South China Trade Protection Association, of which Mr. Houghton is a responsible representative, has been based upon a similar Association formed in Banbury of which Mr. Dobbie was an authority, and everybody knows that Banbury is a city of 2,400 inhabitants or thereabouts in the West Coast of Australia, 112 miles from the city of Perth. I will say no more about *that* association.

"The rules of the Association have been put in but they have not been read and I would just refer to some of them.

"One of the objects is to eliminate, whenever possible, the heavy additional expense incurred in collection of debts through the course of litigation.

"Another point about the Association. If it fails to collect accounts, no charge will be made. The charges you pay the Association for the collection of debts are, under three months, 15%, from three months to twelve months, 20% and over twelve months 25%.—a very handsome remuneration.

"It further states that if recourse to Law Courts is necessary, the association defrays all costs, other than actual stamp duties on documents.

"Now, Your Worship, it is impossible for that Association to have an arrangement with any solicitor, except by payment of proper charges. Therefore if they take proceedings in Court any work that they give to their solicitors comes out of their 15 or 25 per cent, therefore they are going to avoid their solicitors as much as possible.

**Debt Collecting.**

"One of the preliminary stages of debt collecting is the writing of unpleasant letters to the debtors. These unpleasant letters in order to be effective have to be couched in threatening language. The reason that the Law Society and all responsible authorities all over England and here do their utmost to keep the writing of such letters in the hands of responsible persons, namely, qualified persons, is to avoid what is nothing more or less than blackmail.

"Now, your Worship, I have two letters that are the subject of the proceedings here. The first letter is one dated the 18th of January and reads 'Our client Mr. Chung Kin has submitted to us account books written by you for the purpose of auditing. We have to inform you that unless you interview us. . . . we are instructed to take criminal proceedings against you without further notice.' There is no doubt what that letter means. It means that there will be a charge brought against the recipient of that letter for embezzlement and falsification of books.

"The interpretation was done partly by Chau Kong-chi and by a man named Suen who was present. The evidence as to what happened at the interview is, I think, clear, subject to a very slight difference, and that is that Pang Chau was told that there were irregularities in the accounts. He was told that there was something due by him under those accounts. It would be better for him if he paid $750 and 20 per cent or criminal proceedings would be taken against him. In other words, this association was to get 20 per cent from their own client and another twenty per cent done out of Pang Chau.

**Missing Party.**

"The witness Siu, who gave evidence, made Chung Kin present at the interview. If he had been present at the interview I should have expected him to be called on this occasion. Siu admits that the question of criminal proceedings was mentioned, but said it was by Chung Kin, but in the face of this letter, I submit that it was not. The complainant's evidence is correct, namely that criminal proceedings were threatened.

"Chau Kong-chi also said that 'deport' or words to that effect was mentioned. He was not a strong witness on that point. I don't altogether blame him because he was talking in a foreign language, and as your Worship knows when one is in a witness box one is at a disadvantage to a great extent. One probably feels nervous and therefore I do not blame, in any way Chau Kong-chi for saying that he was not certain that the word 'deport' was used.

"I don't want to take up your Worship's time. I don't want to make too great a matter of this case. I have already cited a number of authorities. If your Worship wishes, I will refer to them again."

His Worship: I would certainly like to hear further authorities.

**Legal Argument.**

Legal arguments were then submitted by Mr. Blake and his Worship also cited several cases from which it was gathered that there had been four or five cases between the years 1920 and 1924, in which the English Law Society took proceedings against accountants of debt collecting societies or similar institutions. The Home law differed from the Hongkong law. The offence at Home was *pretending* to be a solicitor. It was impossible from the Law Accounts Report to reconcile the decisions given in those cases, some of which were thrown out and in some of which the defendants were convicted. The last case recorded was that of the Law Society *versus* Leaf, who signed himself as auditor and accountant of debt collecting society and used in a letter the words "We are instructed to demand payment of the sum of—owed by you and, in case of your failure to pay, to take proceedings for the recovery thereof with costs." In that case, the London Magistrate agreed with the defence that the man Leaf who signed himself accountant and auditor for the debt collecting society, although using language such as a solicitor might use, made no pretence to act as a solicitor.

Mr. Blake said that he would hold that although he was not able to say that defendant *had* pretended to be a solicitor, yet he would still say that in writing that letter he had *acted* as a solicitor, contrary to the law of Hongkong.

Continuing, Mr. Blake said: "There is one further point and there is where it should weigh considerably with your Worship. In England practically everyone can read and write. If they receive a letter they will look at it and they will know what or who it comes from. Here, there is a letter written in English addressed to a Chinese. In the case of Pang Chau he had to take it to a friend to be interpreted."

**Auditor's Function.**

Mr. Blake drew attention to the word "imitation" used by the witness Dobbie. He said that the word "imitate" and the phrase "act as" were as near as synonyms could be.

Proceeding, Mr. Blake said: "Criminal proceedings are either taken by the complainant himself, or by solicitors on his behalf or by the police. It is not done by an auditor. He does not take criminal proceedings. That is not a letter for an auditor to write."

Mr. Lindsell: It may be a blackmailing letter or something very near it. That letter may amount to criminal intimidation. I don't think that brings the writer within hte Section of the Ordinance, saying that because he wrote this letter he acted as a solicitor?

Mr. Blake: In the circumstances he undoubtedly acted as he thought a solicitor would do in the interview.

Mr. Lindsell: It seems to me that the effect of your argument

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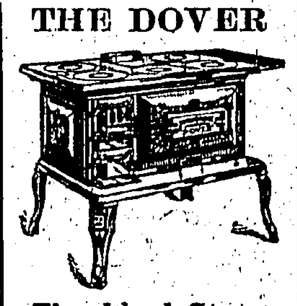

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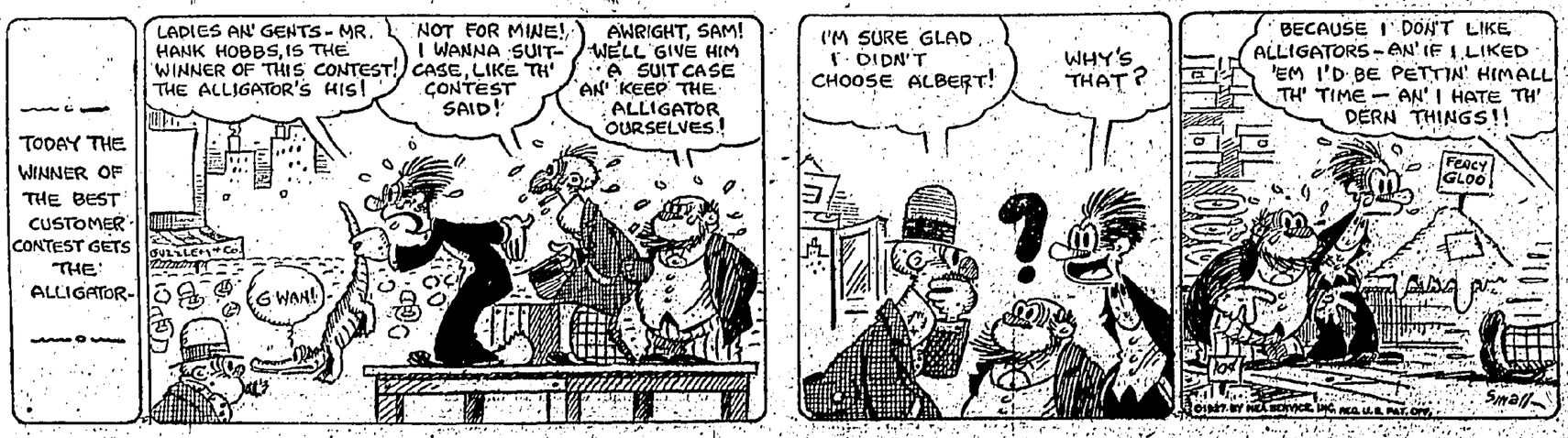
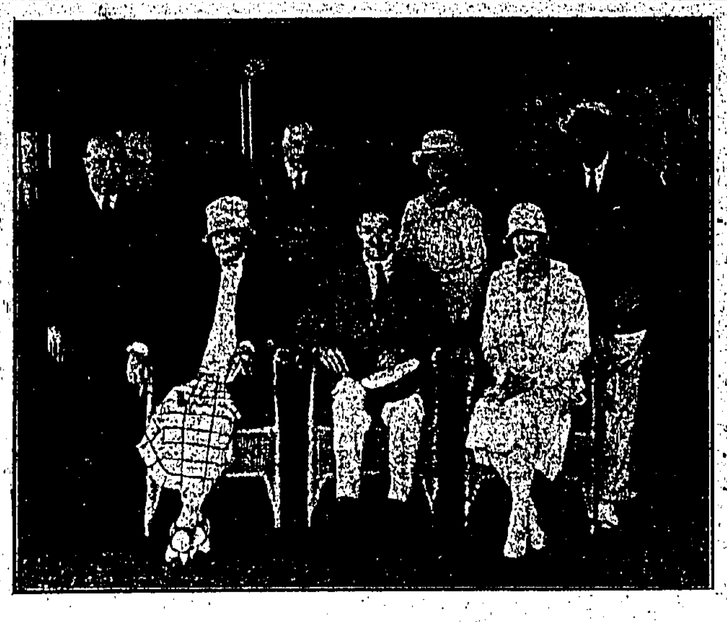
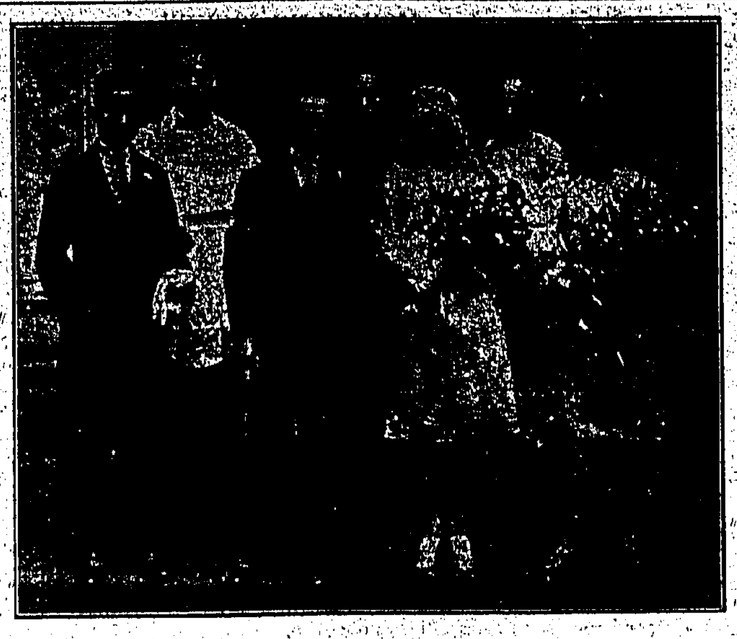




Group of notables on board the s.s Empress of Australia. Left to right: (standing) Sir Elly Kadoorie, Baron and Baroness de Fontaucourt, and the Earl of Pembroke; (sitting) Lady Williams Taylor, the Earl of Rosslyn and the Countess of Pembroke.



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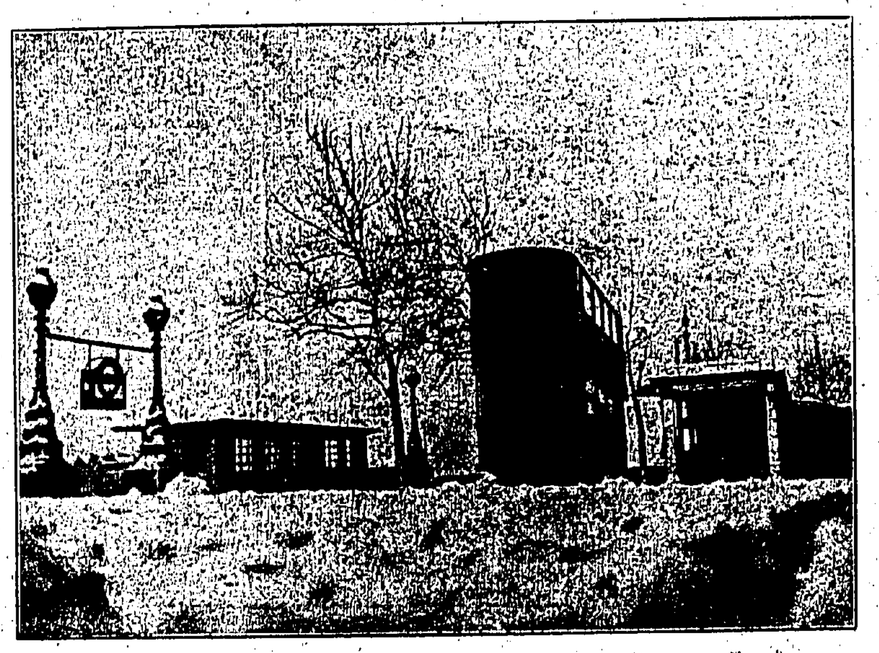

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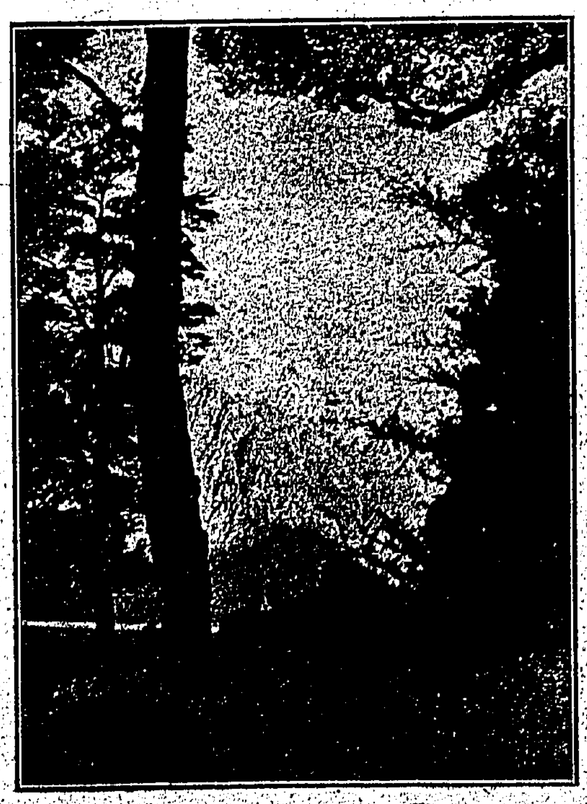
A happy snapshot taken aboard the Empress of Australia, now in Hongkong on a world cruise.

The official group taken on the occasion of the opening of the Club de Recreio's new premises at King's Park on Saturday last. His Excellency the Governor is seen seated in the centre, and Bishop Valtorta, the Consul for Portugal, his wife and daughter, Mr. Justice Wood, and Mrs. and Mrs. Creasy are also shown. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, the President, is standing behind H. E. the Governor. (Photo: Welcome Studio).

Taken at the opening of the Club de Recreio's new clubhouse, the top picture shows the opening ceremony, while below, the guests are seen taking tea. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



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### RACE MEETING 1928.

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Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Hill Road, Wanchai Road and Praya East.

After 3 p.m. vehicles proceeding to the Race Course will proceed via Queen's Road East, Arsenal Street, Praya East, Percival Street and Wong Nei Chong Road. Vehicles returning from the Races will proceed via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East.

There will be one way traffic only in Queen's Road East from Arsenal Street to the Monument from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from West to East from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from East to West from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Kennedy Road will be open to East bound traffic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and to West bound traffic from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hongkong, 10th Feb. 1928.

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(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG).

The Annual Dinner of the Society will be held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on THURSDAY, March 1st., at 8.00 p.m. Members are requested to notify the undersigned as soon as possible of the number of tickets they require and the names of their guests.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary.
9, Queen's Road Central.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1928.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

*By order of the Board.*
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Feb. 12th 1928, Sexagesima Sunday Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Military Service, 9.30 a.m. Matin, 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop. Evensong, 6 p.m. Preacher: The Dean.

Seventh Day Adventist Hall.—7, Duddell Street (first floor), Rutton Buildings. Sunday, February 12th, at 8.30 p.m., sermon given by Pastor A. L. Ham, of Canton, "Christian Baptism" or (A presentation of the origin, meaning and purpose of the rite of baptism in the Christian church). Everyone welcome.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject, "Soul" Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address, open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Sunday, 13th February, 1928, Sexagesima. 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: Rev. W. Walton Rogers. 2.45 p.m. Sunday Schools, 3.00 p.m. Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer; Preacher, Rev. N. Evans, M. A. Tuesday, 14th February, 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union; Speaker, Mrs. Duppuy. Wednesday, 15th February, 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Address. Friday, 17th February, 6.00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 8.30 p.m. Social Evening arranged by the Choir.

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Water Authority
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Hongkong, Feb. 9th, 1928.

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Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of $10. each per day or $80 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th February 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 20th February, 1928.

## RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open for the Transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th instant, and close at 12 noon.

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President Calles, whose term of office comes to an end in the middle of this year, has displayed such resource and ability in the manoeuvres preliminary to the Presidential election that he has considerably increased his party's hold on the country. Indeed, it appears to be a question whether his friends may not eventually renounce their alliance with General Obregon, whose candidature they have so far supported.

Presidential elections in Mexico are not unlike the contest for a disputed principality in Renaissance Italy. The only rule of the game is that victory is won by the claimant who has eliminated his competitors by despatching them with their ambitions to the bourne from which no traveller returns.

A little while ago there were four parties interested in the Presidency. In addition to the followers of President Calles, allied with those of General Obregon, the supporters of General Gomez and those of General Serrano were also in the field, and experts in Mexican politics held that there was little to choose between the chances of any of them. The experts reckoned, however, without the determination of President Calles, who, in suppressing a series of revolts, eliminated speedily all the leaders of the Gomez and Serrano factions, which have consequently dropped out of the contest.

The only question that remains is whether President Calles will continue to support General Obregon. It is not impossible that some of General Obregon's many enemies may settle this matter once and for all by eliminating the General, who had a narrow escape a month or so ago. President Calles' friends are agreed that he is strongly opposed to the rather primitive methods of Mexican politics. He is a strong man with definite ideals and, if he has been forced to fight his enemies with their own weapons, he is anxious to introduce a more stable regime and one more consistent with the notions of Western Europe.


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## IMMUNITY OF DIPLOMATS.

### SIR ESME HOWARD AND INJURED GIRL.

### AMERICAN VIEWS.

Washington, Jan. 11.

The incident arising from the motor accident in which the British Ambassador's car knocked down a small girl is now considered as closed.

Reports from London that some time ago the car of Mr. Houghton, the American Ambassador to St. James, knocked down a boy, and that the Ambassador claimed diplomatic immunity, bring no comment from the State Department.

If the incident is as reported it is regarded as a pivate matter, but the Ambassador's position would be upheld by the Department as being in accord with international law and the comity of nations. The Washington Government has always held that an Ambassador, members of his family, his staff, and his servants whose names are registered at the State Department, are immune from arrest or any civil process.

When a member of the staff or a servant employed by a diplomat has violated police or other regulations the matter has been reported to the head of the Mission, who has been relied upon to take the proper disciplinary action. If the offence is severe or the person evidently culpable his dismissal from Washington is asked for. This has been done more than once.

A year or so ago the Secretary of a Foreign Legation was sent home because of a police charge that he was engaged in high-class bootlegging. The American wife of another Secretary killed a man while driving her car. The accident was probably unavoidable, but she was charged with having violated the traffic regulations, and the Secretary was recalled.

**Car Halted.**

No fair person attributes blame to Sir Esme Howard or his 14-year-old son Henry for having knocked down a 12-year-old girl as she was getting off a tram. On the contrary, the Ambassador is warmly praised for his courtesy and consideration after the accident.

Henry Howard had stopped the car in accordance with the regulations, which require a car to halt when a tram discharges passengers. Henry was at the wheel, and sitting by his side was Hadley, the Embassy chauffeur, regarded as one of the most competent men in the city, and for many years in the Embassy service.

The tram started, and Hadley told Henry to go ahead. Henry had hardly got under way when the front door of the tram again opened, and a child jumped out, and crossed to the pavement running in front of the Ambassador's car, and being knocked down by the fender.

**Father Satisfied.**

Hadley at once stopped the car, the Ambassador got out, saw the girl was not apparently injured seriously, but had merely received a shock. He offered to take her to hospital, but she asked to be taken to her mother. The Ambassador drove her home.

The following day Sir Esme Howard called on Mr. Kellogg, explained the affair, and said that while he could not waive his diplomatic immunity, which no Ambassador can do, and which can only be done by his Government, he would pay the same fine that would be assessed against a private person, and expressed his deep regret at the accident.

The regulations prohibit any person under 16 years of age from driving a car. The Ambassador said that he was unaware of the regulation, and had he known of it of course Henry could not have taken the wheel.

The Ambassador has offered to send the girl to the Johns-Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, one of the most famous in the country, for surgical treatment if necessary, or engage at his expense a Washington physician, and he and Lady Howard and Henry have sent flowers and called every day to make inquiries.

The child's father, satisfied that she was merely bruised and not seriously injured, that the accident was unavoidable, and appreciative of the consideration shown by the Ambassador, has asked that nothing further should be done in the matter, and his wishes will be complied with.

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Ex-Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is staying at Funchal having left the Sierra Moreno, and motored in brilliant sunshine to Monte, two thousand feet above sea level. After a visit to the tomb of ex-King Charles of Austria, he tobogganned to town on a sledge. He called Madeira an earthly paradise, and insists on a call being made there on his way home in February.

## "CURSE OF ONLY CHILD."

### WOMAN DOCTOR ON BIRTH CONTROL.

### WRECKS MARRIAGE.

Why do certain families of children quarrel violently over their games?

According to Dr. Alice Hutchison, of Great Ormond-street Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic for Nurses, who addressed the conference of Health Visitors and School Nurses, this friction between brothers and sisters is the inevitable result of a superficial discord between the parents.

"It is of the greatest importance," she said, "that we should have superficial harmony between the mother and father. Superficial discord works havoc, and children who quarrel at their games are the inevitable result."

Dr. Hutchison was speaking on the "Psychology of Parenthood."

"Most mothers fulfil their duties well during the period of infancy," she said, "but when the child begins to assert itself and to oppose its will to that of the mother then difficulties begin. A sense of irritation and of impatience arises in the mother, who fails to realise that without this assertion of its will the child cannot develop.

"In many homes the preparation of a girl for marriage mainly consists in clothes and a trousseau. In America, I understand, they have begun to prepare young men and women for marriage in classes, but I think that is a most appalling reflection upon the parents of those young people. Fathers and mothers ought, from their own experience, to instruct these young people.

**The Wrecker.**

"As regards birth control I do say very clearly that birth control has wrecked numbers of marriages. I am not discussing the question for or against it, I am aware that young people marrying at 20 may not be able to go on having children until they are 40.

"Birth control wrecks marriages because the maternal urge cannot be quenched so easily. If you put a difficulty in the way of that urge you will find women harbouring a feeling of animosity against their husbands. The husband may argue that his wife agreed to have no more children, but the fact remains that she did not know herself how strong the urge was.

"At the present time there is a real difficulty, because of the expense of bringing up children, and, therefore, the use of birth control is having a deleterious effect upon women. It is producing that terrible monstrosity—the only child. We may come to speak, not of drink but of 'only-childism,' as the greatest curse of this country."

**The Man "Baby."**

Dr. Hutchison said they wanted to see children absolutely break the tie of dependence upon their mothers.

"We see the young man who won't marry because he won't leave his mother. People say: 'How beautiful.' The truth is that he won't leave his mother because he is a baby and won't break the tie. He can't do without her. We want fully grown men who will leave home and take a wife, not as a second mother, but as a mate.

"What seems to outside people to be excellent parenthood often means failure to the child. If you make a child a baby you make him selfish, and a fully-grown man he will never be.

"I can conceive of no better training for parenthood than work in a first-class nursery school. In a first-class nursery school you learn to be quiet, patient and to stand aside. Too many parents don't want to stand aside. The hardest *thing for parents is to sit* still among their children. They are for ever jumping up to show the children how to do things. There is no need to do this. They want to teach the child to draw. Children will learn how to draw by themselves if they are left alone.

"There is far too much domination in parenthood, too much interference with the child's development. This domination goes to such lengths in some families that the children are not allowed to contradict their parents, and they are not allowed opinions of their own. They are not even allowed to have a different religion from their parents. Children must be released to develop their own religious beliefs and their own way of worship."

Mr. J. Mallon, Warden of Toynbee Hall, dealt with the father's problems. He referred to the decrease in the birth-rate, and said that by 1932 there would be a real shortage of young people for industrial work. This was one of the problems which the industrial world would be obliged to face in the near future.

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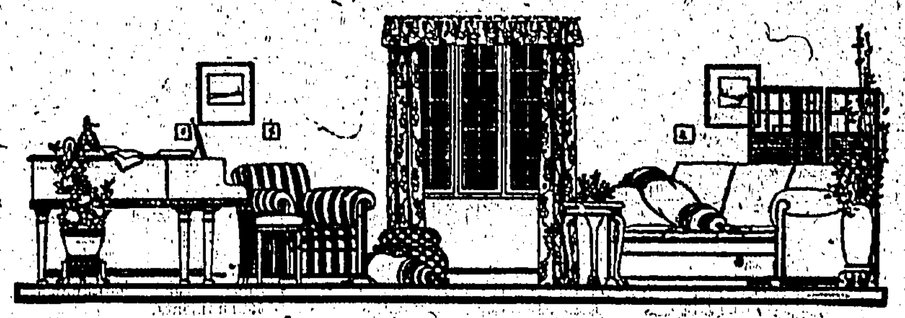
For the nineteenth time in succession there were no cases for trial at Thetford Quarter Sessions recently.

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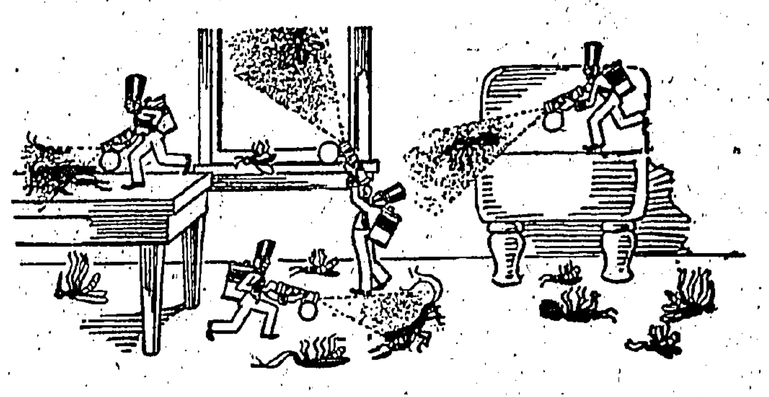

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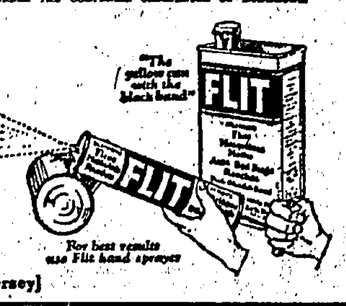


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## SIR HARRY LAUDER'S "SNAG."

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Sir Harry Lauder did not have a happy New Year at the expense of the American Government after all. It was in fact, the other way about.

It had been understood that he would receive £180 rebate from the United States income tax collectors, but the latest information is that he will have to pay that sum to the American authorities.

He travelled recently from London to Glasgow, writes a representative of the *Daily Express* who journeyed with him, and he told him that when he first heard that he was to receive a re-fund of £180 he thought there must be a "snag" in it somewhere.

"I have been paying income tax to America for more than twenty years now," he said, "but so far the only thing I have got back from them is the receipt for my money.

"I was naturally a bit elated when I first heard that I was to get back something more substantial this time, and I started to count my chickens. I have since found, however, that I should have waited until they were hatched, for my secretary has told me this morning that there has been a mistake somewhere, and that in all probability I shall have to send a cheque for £180 to America."

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## "SWORDS FOR TWO, COFFIN FOR ONE."

### DUEL STORY OF MAN WITH ADVENTUROUS CAREER.

Sentence of three months in the second division was passed by Mr. Bingley at Marylebone on Henry William English, aged 53, of Hewer-street, Notting Dale, who claimed an adventurous career as soldier, oil speculator, native labour organiser in Africa, and official umpire at Wimbledon and other well-known tennis tournaments.

He was charged on remand with stealing and receiving £15 worth of furniture, &c., belonging to Mary Anderson, aged 84, Cornwall-road, Bayswater, to which he had previously pleaded guilty and offered to make restitution with money stated to be coming from New Zealand.

He had stated that he was a man of good education, had served in the Boer War, Zulu revolution, Dutch revolution, and during the Great War; that he travelled all over Africa for a group of mines, had made and lost fortunes in oil speculations, and, as official umpire at Wimbledon, Chiswick, and Hurlingham tennis tournaments, knew the greatest players in the world and a great number of influential people.

Mr. Kearns, prosecuting, said that the money had not arrived from New Zealand, and English had told the same tale to others in whose houses he had stayed without paying.

He told Miss Anderson that he was a member of a distinguished North of England family, whom she knew.

English, who wore a monocle, after repeating his previous sketch of his career, said that he had also been for a year in the special service of the present Duke of Atholl.

**"He Died."**

"On Christmas morning, 1902," he continued, "I fought a duel in Madagascar with a Portuguese officer."

The Magistrate—Did you kill your antagonist? — English (dramatically): Well, he died.

Swords for two: coffin for one? —Yes.

English, proceeding, said that he was on the staff of the Union of South Africa from 1903-08, a foundation member of the Transvaal Federation, that he conducted all the private, confidential correspondence of the late Dr. Jameson and Sir George Farrar on the Union of Africa, and that of the late General Botha and General Smuts. He had also been a big game hunter. In the late war he lost three brothers.

The Magistrate—As I told you before, you ought to write your life story. Mr. Bingley, continuing, said it was a most heartless theft. If it were true that English had this extraordinary fine record—he (the Magistrate) had no means of testing it—and had been associated with these big men in Africa, it was all the more amazing that he had stooped to such a mean fraud on an old and nearly blind woman.

## "NIGHT OF TERROR."

### HOUSEHOLDERS BREAKFAST IN BEDROOMS.

A confused straggle of duckboards, sodden carpets, drooping bushes, broken trees, choking streams, muddy new ditches, boots, rubber boots, old army boots and new Russian boots—and householders wearily brushing and mopping and wringing out. That was the impression, given last month by a tour of the suburban areas devastated by North London's little streams.

The most vicious of these was the Brent. January 2, was the Brent's night out, the most riotous it has enjoyed for nineteen years. Carrying far more than its share of melted snow and rain water and aided by tributaries which are usually sluggish mud-channels, the Brent swept over its banks on that evening and inundated hundreds of acres of house and waste land at Willesden, Greenford, Colindale, Burnt Oak and other districts.

Early on Tuesday the water had begun to subside and the tale of devastation could be spelled out in ruined gardens and sodden furniture. The worst damage was done at Stonebridge Park, Willesden, where the Brent flooded 200 houses on the Willesden Council housing estate. The householders had spent, in the words of one of them, "almost a night of terror." They had breakfasted in their bed-rooms, for the ground floors were still under water.

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More than 55 per cent. of the 72 fatal accidents in the streets of Manchester in 1927 were due to carelessness by pedestrians, states the annual police report upon streets accidents.

## NEW ERA FOR TRADE UNIONS.

### TURNING POINT REACHED IN 1927.

During 1927 Trade Unionism has been mainly engaged in licking its wounds.

It was badly crushed by the Strike of 1926, and is still a long way from having recovered. As a result of that foolhardy policy its financial resources were enormously depleted, and ever since then the membership has been declining.

During 1926, which was to be the year of its greatest triumph, it lost 5 per cent. of its membership and dissipated over five and a half million pounds in dispute benefit.

Early this year it became evident that the events of the previous year had given most of the Trade Union leaders furiously to think. And the result of their thought has been broadly that they recognise that 1926 brought them to the end of an era.

**Trade Unions Bill.**

The day of bigger and bigger Trade Union amalgamations, with bigger and bigger and more frequent strikes, culminating in one "grand slam" is over. It has been tried and found wanting. Only the Communists now profess any faith in the policy of the general strike, and it is mainly because they still advocate it that they have ceased to count and are spurned by the Trade Union leaders.

When the Government introduced the Trade Unions Bill, the General Council of the T.U.C. and the Labour Party entered on a big campaign against it. But that campaign, as all the world now knows, was a hopeless failure. The rank and file would not dance to the piping of the General Council, and even the opposition of the Parliamentary Labour Party in the House of Commons petered out or became feeble, when they saw there was no response in the country.

The Bill is now law and nobody knows better than the members of the General Council that the rank and file of the working classes, so far from resenting it, are in their hearts grateful for the protection it affords them against a repetition of such leadership as produced the events of 1926. Among responsible Trade Union officials the policy of Cookism has no following to-day.

**The Edinburgh Congress.**

Having failed to prevent the passing of the Bill, the General Council, recognising, as has been said, that one era was ended and a new one was beginning, started to look around for a new policy. They knew that they must do something to justify even the existence of Trade Unionism, and they went to their annual Congress at Edinburgh in September in a frame of mind quite different from that of former years. A week before that Congress the Prime Minister had made a speech in Scotland inviting the Trade Union leaders to make a movement in the direction of peace in industry. He hardly need have done it, for before he made that speech the General Council had determined that at Edinbu[rgh] feelers should be put out, and we had the spectacle of Mr. George Hicks, formerly one of the most violent of leaders, holding out the olive branch, and being wholeheartedly supported by other leaders.

The only thing they were concerned about was that Mr. Baldwin should not have the credit of any peace move, and they made it clear that they did not want the politicians to have anything to do with the movement for better relations.

Events have shown that they are as suspicious of their own politicians as of supporters of the Government in this matter.

**Leaders' Dilemma.**

What the Trade Union leaders are really feeling about for is a new policy. They do not yet know what that new policy is to be, but it must be something different from the old, and yet good enough to justify their existence with the rank and file. They are in no position to fight, and therefore the policy of reasoning with the employer instead of fighting him has made enormous strides during the year. The leaders would like, on the employers' side, an opposite body to the General Council of the T.U.C., with a proper constitution and regular meetings to lay down general principles to be worked out in detail by similar joint councils in the various industries.

It may come to that, but the leaders are just beginning to recognise—and that is the really big event of the year—that politics and Trade Unionism do not go well together. Mr. W. M. Citrine, the secretary of the T.U.C., makes no secret of his disbelief in the cry of the Socialist politicians that the "capitalist system is tottering to the ground." He is an intelligent man, and he knows better. His advice to the movement is that it will do more for the benefit of the working men who are alive now, if it will bend its efforts towards making industry prosper, and then take care that the workers get their fair share of the increased prosperity. That is the policy to which the General Council is coming round, and there can be no doubt that it is more popular with the rank and file than the policy of political turmoil in which the Trade Unions have lived since the war.

A significant indication of the desire for the new policy was given by the General Council in October when they elected Mr. Ben Turner as President for the year. In a notable speech at the Congress Mr. Turner had said: "Is it wrong to co-operate with good men in the world? Do we want industrial peace? I am certain I do. The worry of things for our industrial classes is so great that I am sure they are anxious for industrial peace. Therefore I am going to talk about industrial peace as long as I live."

That is what has happened to Trade Unionism in 1927; its leaders have been impelled to look around for a new policy and a new spirit.


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### AMERICAN PROMISE SUFFICIENT.

New York, Feb. 10.

Speaking at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Pilgrims in the United States Dr. Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, suggested that in order to curb the Anglo-American race in naval armaments the United States Government should inform Britain, France, Italy, and Japan that if they are obliged, as members of the League of Nations or as Locarno signatories, to establish a blockade against an aggressor nation, the United States would respect the blockade if it was not directed against a nation in the western hemisphere.

Dr. Butler contended that thus the special interests both in Europe and America would be recognised and huge naval armaments would become unnecessary for the delicate and dangerous question of a blockade which was really behind all big Anglo-American naval discussions in recent years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

### M. POINCARE SECURES HIS BIGGEST MAJORITY.

Paris, Feb. 10.

The Chamber of Deputies has by a vote of 370 to 131 declared its confidence in M. Poincare's fiscal policy. The papers remark that the number of votes received exceeds by around thirty the biggest majorities previously obtained by M. Poincare on vital questions, since the formation of the national Union Cabinet.

*Le Matin* considers the parliamentary session is now virtually closed.—*Havas.*

## PRIVATE BILLS.

### BALLOT FOR PRIVILEGE YESTERDAY.

London, Feb. 10.

The ballot which is undertaken at the beginning of each Parliamentary session for the privilege of introducing private members' bills in the House of Commons, was conducted yesterday. Ten Fridays during the session are reserved for the second readings of such bills. The Conservative members in ballot won the privilege in respect of nine of these.

Particular interest attaches to the fact that one of them is Major Glyn (?) who will introduce a bill to legalise the totalisator for betting on horse races. Other bills which are assured of consideration by the House of Commons include the Stabilisation of Easter Bill, the Rubber Industry Bill and a Bill to continue the Empire cotton levy. The only labour member successful in the ballot will introduce a Bill to repeal the miners eight hours act.—*British Wireless.*

## TELEVISION SERVICE.

### NEW YORK AND LONDON.

New York, Feb. 10.

Captain Hutchinson, the Managing Director of the Baird Television Development Company, London, announced that a two-way public television service between London and New York would be opened before the end of the year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, Feb. 10.

Miss Margaret Kahn and Mr. John Barry Ryan were married quietly yesterday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## C. E. R. ZONE.

### STRONG PROTEST TO CHANG TSO-LIN.

Peking, Feb. 10.

Britain, America, Japan and France yesterday entered a strong joint protest to the Dictator relative to the action of the Chinese authorities in north Manchuria towards the leaseholders of land in the C. E. R. Zone.

Last December General Chan Chuan-shang, the chief Chinese authority in that area issued a proclamation declaring void all leases of territory in the railway zone, which includes a considerable portion of Harbin City. He also demanded the handing in of title deeds, whereupon new leases for ten to thirty years from current date would be issued, whereas the greater portion of the land is held under leases due to expire in 1983.

The proclamation also stated that the new leases would only be transferable to persons who did not enjoy extraterritoriality. The protest calls attention to Chang Tso-lin's repeated declarations that foreign rights in territory under his control would always be respected.—*Reuter.*

## WALL COLLAPSE.

### JURY RETURN VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the deaths of three Chinese women who were killed in a recent wall collapse at the M. B. K. coalyard at Reclamation Street, was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield and a jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Mr. Schofield summed up the evidence given, remarking that the wall which was twenty years old was unfit for a retaining wall. There had, however, never been any similar collapses previously. The Coroner pointed out that only the wall where the fatal collapse occurred belonged to the M. B. K.; the other yard belonged to another company.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and added a rider to the effect that in view of three collapses occurring the same morning by the same causes, the authorities should be approached with a view to making a regulation preventing coal in coalyards from being piled to a height greater than would be safe.

## LETTER GOLF.

If you're well heeled, as regards vocabularies, you should be able to go from SOLE to HEEL in five strokes.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

## CINEMA NOTES.

### DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS AT THE QUEEN'S.

Douglas Fairbanks' delightful production, "The Gaucho," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. "The Gaucho" is a tale of treasure, combat, intrigue and love concerning the adventures of a South American bandit who crosses the Cordilleras with his riders to seize a city grown rich from the offerings of pilgrims to its sacred shrine. "The Gaucho" presents "Doug" in a role which gives him plenty of opportunity to perform the kind of stunts for which he is famous, and it is altogether a thoroughly entertaining picture. Attention is drawn to the special times for performances announced in the advertisement appearing elsewhere.

### World and Star.

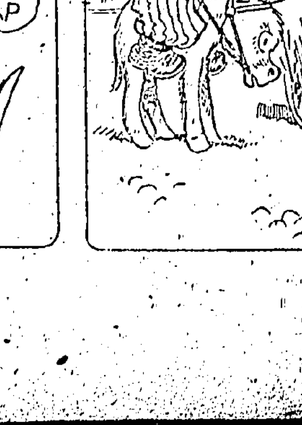
Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Blarney," at the World Theatre, and "The Man Upstairs," at the Star Theatre. "Blarney" is a stirring tale of the days when men fought to a finish with bare fists. Renee Adoree, star of "The Big Parade," plays the role of a roguish Irish lass, and Ralph Graves has the part of the handsome boxer she spurs to success.

"The Man Upstairs" is an exciting story concerning the adventures of a young couple who meet in London via the personal column of a newspaper. The girl demands that the man write her a series of interesting letters. When he invents a murder and is arrested for this imaginery crime the results are both thrilling and amusing. Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore are the leading players.

### "The Magic Flame."

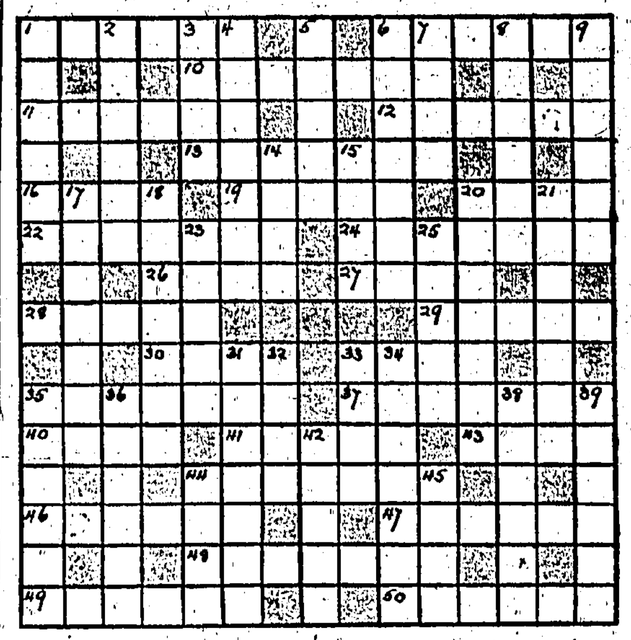
Ronald Colman and Vilma Bany, who have appeared together in several fine pictures, will be seen here again next week in "The Magic Flame." Both of these stars not long ago figured prominently in a popularity contest under the auspices of a New York daily, Miss Banky being acclaimed the most popular screen actress and Mr. Colman one of three favourite actors. The present picture, which was produced by Samuel Goldwyn, is pronounced by some as one of the greatest motion pictures of the year. Perhaps it is not going too far to say that as much pleasure and entertainment is to be derived from "The Magic Flame" as from any picture seen here lately, excepting "Ben-Hur."

An offer of nearly £52,000 yearly has been made for the exclusive advertising rights on Glasgow tramcars. Recommending its acceptance, a corporation committee propose banning all announcements containing scripture texts, political matter or references to alcoholic liquors.



Husband's aren't always fooling when they call a dress a "knockout."

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



*Across.*

1 Anticipate.
6 Having a rough voice.
10 Having six feet.
11 Neck band.
12 Required.
13 Garments.
16 Bristle.
19 Fetters.
20 Headland.
22 Foes.
24 Try.
26 Flourish sounded at the death of game.
27 Funeral pile.
28 Vegetable.
29 Worship.
30 Writing utensils.
33 Extra seed covering.
35 Indenture.
37 Senior Army officer.
40 Small tableland.
41 Painter's stand.
43 Mentally sound.
44 Mohammedan month.
46 Scatter.
47 Sluggish.
48 Had the teeth grow.
49 Displayed.
50 Render dull.

*Down.*

1 Forgive.
2 Courteous.
3 Fish.
4 Small dog.
5 Noosed rope.
6 Uprightness.
7 Lyric poems.
8 Buy back.
9 Most aged.
14 Formerly.
15 Bite suddenly.
17 Entrap.
18 Pungent gas.
20 Sewing implements.
21 Undaunted.
23 Relating to Ionia.
25 Drill.
31 Deceived.
32 Scar.
33 Old.
34 Told.
35 Moves easily.
36 South African fly.
38 Knocked.
39 Heavy.
42 Abounding in salt.
44 Vascular network of vessels.
45 Knot.

*Yesterday's Solution.*

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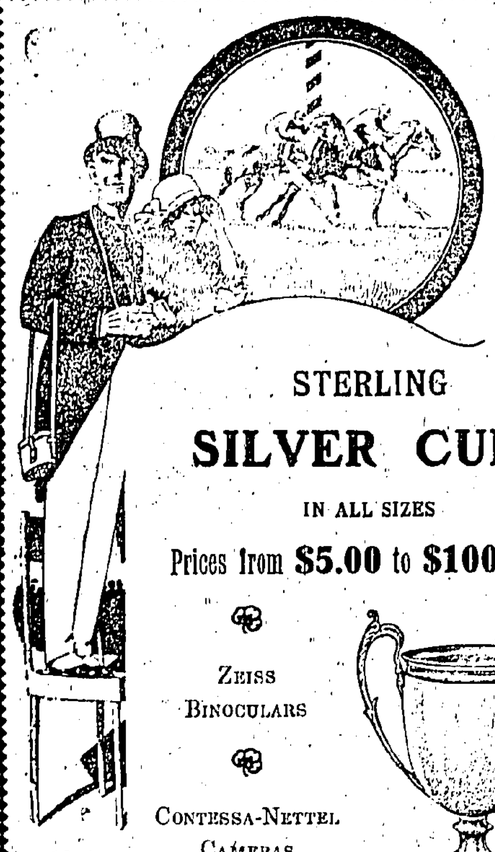

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1928.

## TO OUR VISITORS.

Although there may not be any marked outward evidences of the fact, for we are a busy community much wedded to our daily work, Hongkong none the less appreciates the visit of the seven hundred world-tourists now with us. It is not the British way to attempt anything in the direction of civic welcomes to tourist parties, however noteworthy some of the visitors may be, but we do trust that our natural reserve, plus our concentration on the task which lies immediately at hand, will not give the good folk of the Empress of Australia and the Belgenland any other impression than that we are extremely glad to see them in our midst. Some of us envy these tourists, who are able to see so much of the world under conditions of comfort and luxury, but we all feel that, after their itinerary is over, they will agree that Hongkong can be counted amongst the most attractive and beautiful spots which they have seen.

With their time so much taken up in sight-seeing and shopping, it is only to be expected that our visitors should have little opportunity of diving a little deeper down than the mere surface and getting to know some of the things regarding this British Colony with which we who live here would like them to become acquainted. Let us therefore point, in no boastful spirit, to what has been accomplished here in this far outpost of the Empire. It was only just over eighty years ago that Britain came into possession of Hongkong, which was at that time a small village inhabited by a handful of Chinese fisherfolk. Years of steady and patient work, in the face of almost innumerable difficulties, have converted it into one of the very biggest ports of the world. Possibly our visitors have been impressed by our fine motor roads, leading right up to the Peak on the island and extending to the frontier in the New Territories. These have been constructed in the face of considerable physical obstacles, and we are all proud of them; but they are only an outward illustration of what it has meant to build up this Colony to the state in which we find it to-day. In other spheres, the problems standing in the way of progress have been great, but they are yearly being overcome. In public health, in sanitation, in education and in honest administration Hongkong is providing an example which China would do well to copy, and we would fain believe that it is one from which much will be learned in the future. There is in this British Colony no question of oppression of the Chinese, whose customs are jealously respected and whose rights at law are the same as those of Britishers and foreigners in general. In the realm of labour, too, higher wages and better conditions of service are enjoyed by the Chinese here than they would obtain in their own country.

We have not the space at our disposal to cite other facts in support of the view that British presence in this part of the world is beneficial to the Chinese. But there is one other point which we would like to make. It is that Chinese suffering from oppression, robbed of the common liberties of the subject, flock into this Colony by the thousand when trouble looms in adjacent territory. Many of them come here to settle down, making their homes under the security of the Union Jack. So when our touring visitors hear the cry of "Imperialism" directed against Britain in regard to her presence in the East, we hope they will think of these things. If they take away with them the impression, which we hope we have conveyed, that here in this little Colony we are doing something more than chasing the very elusive dollar, we shall feel that their visit to our shores has been to some purpose.

### The Rubber Enquiry.

Consternation has been caused by the Premier's announcement that he has asked the Committee of Civil Research to consider the operation and effects of the Stevenson rubber restriction scheme, and the immediate reaction has been a distinct slump in the price of raw rubber, and a sympathetic decline in rubber shares values. The decision took the industry completely by surprise, but having digested the extent of the powers conferred, there seems to be a general acceptance of its necessity, the chief concern of the rubber interests now being the expediting of the enquiry as far as possible. Mincing Lane Market is reported to have lost £23 per ton in a day's transactions, while record business at the new low figure was done in New York, where the "bears" quickly got to work. When due consideration is given, we think the planters generally will heartily welcome the enquiry, though the wide divergence of opinion in the industry itself was clearly illustrated in the reports we recently published, showing that two chairmen of leading rubber companies held exactly opposite viewpoints. Sir Elly Kadoorie, now in Hongkong, who has big rubber interests in Malaya, heartily favours restriction. He is of opinion that the bottom would go out of the market if the scheme was removed. Naturally, however, the views of the different planters are dictated by the state of their estates. Economically it *must be conceded* that restriction is unsound, and the charge that the better developed companies have their hands tied for the benefit of less efficient concerns, is one which cannot easily be confuted. The degree of the harm resulting from this somewhat anomalous position is the problem on which the Committee of Civil Research which require most enlightenment, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin is wise in refraining from promising too much regarding the time taken by the enquiry. The fact that rubber slumped on the announcement that consideration was being given to the whole question, with the inference of the possibility of the removal of the restriction orders, rather supports the pro-restrictionists. One of the greatest objections to the Stevenson plan is the restriction of output. It is a question whether limited production at a good figure is more beneficial to the industry than freedom, the employment of more labourers, and full output with strict business competition as the price basis. One of the effects of the restriction scheme has been the diverting of purchasers from the British market to other interests, and these will be difficult to recapture.

## DAY BY DAY.

WE HAVE ONLY TO REFUSE TO YIELD, AND TEMPTATION HAS NO POWER TO HARM US.—*J. R. Miller.*

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There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

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Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera.

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Ships in harbour were "dressed" this morning in honour of the anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire.

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A bankruptcy notification states that a second and final dividend of $7 per cent. has been declared in the case of the Ming Lee firm, iron dealers, of 207, Reclamation Street.

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Among the passengers on the Empress of Australia is Mr. G. Anderson of Exmouth, who is visiting the Y.M.C.A.'s at ports of call for Sir Arthur Yapp, the head of the British section.

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The Tutorial Institute prize distribution and concert will be held on Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m., in the Hop Yat Hall, Bonham Road. Dr. S. W. Tso has kindly consented to give away the prizes.

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It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the Prosperity Trading Company, Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the Company will be dissolved.

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At the P. W. D. offices, on the 27th instant, there will be offered for auction New Kowloon Inland Lot 1123, situate at Shamshuipo. The lot has an area of 2,587 square feet and the upset price is $3,880.50.

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It is notified that His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. George William Pope to be Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Pope came to the Colony in 1924, prior to which he served in Kenya Colony. He has held the post of Assistant Medical Officer until now.

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It is advertised that all departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., will be closed at 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. On these days the Hongkong Dispensary will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son advise us that the R. M. S. Franconia, which left New York on January 7th on a world cruise, is due here on March 1st and will leave in the afternoon of the following day. In connexion with the tour, a very fine handbook, comprising a hundred pages, has been issued.

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M. J. Verdier has been appointed secretary to the French Municipal Council, in Shanghai, a post left vacant by the recent death of M. P. Legendre. M. Verdier is an engineer from "L'Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufacturers," and came to Shanghai as a professor to the Institue Franco-Chinois, while lately he has held the position of head of the Public Works Department.

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Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets Alteration Ordinance, 1923, for the closing, permanently, of the undermentioned roads:—(1) That section of Oak Street, Tai Kok Tsui, North of Fuk Tsun Street; (2) that section of Pine Street, Tai Kok Tsui, North of Kuk Tsun Street; (3) that section of Junk Street between Beech Street and Oak Street, Tai Kok Tsui.

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Hongkong estate to the value of $230,000 was left by Mr. C. McCaslin, late of Shanghai, who died at Tsingtao on August 28, last year. Estate was also left in Shanghai. Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who is the attorney of Mr. E. H. Dunning, executor. The bequests are of a family nature, a third of the fortune being bequeathed to the widow.

## DUTCH AIR MAIL.

### MONTHLY SERVICE TO EAST INDIES.

London, Feb. 10.

The Royal Dutch Airlines are completing arrangements for the world's longest airmail service from Amsterdam to the Dutch Indies with one aeroplane travelling in each direction monthly. The plane will not carry passengers.—*Reuter.*

## QUEEN MARY'S HEALTH.

London, Feb. 10.

It is stated that Her Majesty the Queen has practically recovered from the effects of the cold which she contracted at the end of last week, and which prevented Her Majesty attending the State opening of Parliament.—*British Wireless.*

## THE AWAKENING OF CHINA.

### Some Light on Group-Philosophy.

My Japanese friend Harimoto has been over in America for the last four years. He is a student of group-psychology by profession. At least that is all the profession Harimoto acknowledges to me. We get on famously. He knows that my excuses about the Alien Exclusion Act are "bunk", and I know, when we are on delicate national grounds, that his observations about Australia are mere oriental politeness. He says that what somebody said about Herbert Spencer being the American woman of the future is quite true, but he has returned with a poorer opinion of the male American, and he does not pale or tremble when the American fleet is mentioned. On the contrary, I have observed on his features a wrinkled smile. I saw that smile on the faces of Japanese I met up in Asia after the old "flat-iron" fleet had completed its world tour eighteen years ago. Contentment was the key note of it.

We have been talking about the happenings in China lately. His views on the matter, condensed, seem to be that when the European Powers sat down in China and imagined that China would continue to accept the position, they were thinking entirely with the occidental mind. The oriental mind is different. It is more philosophic and more patient, because its experience of life is greater and it dates farther back. In proof of which contention, my Japanese friend points out calmly that, when the progenitors of the British were beginning their racial movements on the plateaux of Northern Europe, the Chinese were an old, civilized people.

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History with Harimoto is a passion. He is a graduate of Harvard, so I do not argue race-origins with him. He does not attach much significance to the Bolshevik movement in China, although he says that all the great disturbing ideas of humanity, such as Christianity and Socialism, have been Asian in origin.

He says simply that China has always determined that the Europeans should be disengaged from the country, but she was not really ready for militant action. Now she is ready and the Europeans must go. He thinks it was a mistake on our part to allow missionaries in China. He agrees with Edgar Saltus that "the Chinaman has as much need of religion as a civilian has for a soldier's uniform," but what religion he has time for he prefers to take from his own moralists. Christianity is not suitable to the Chinese temperament, and even if it were, the Chinese have recently enjoyed the spectacle of eighteen Christian nations handing out poison gases and high explosives to one another in the name of the Great Peacemaker. I infer from his further observations that, after the Chinese have ejected the Europeans, they will make friends with their cousins the Japanese, and that Japan is destined to play a highly important part in the "modernising" of China.

Being a student of group-psychology, these problems interest my oriental friend greatly. He thinks that the application of Japanese military methods would convert China, with its four hundred millions, into a very efficient people; but he assures me that the Chinaman is not naturally aggressive. He certainly does behead his enemies when he is in a hurry and has no time to torture them, but with so many millions a few are not missed. Which reminds me that when I was going down to Singapore some years ago, the revolution against the Manchu dynasty had just been brought to a very gory conclusion. All the young Chinese had cut off their pigtails, which was more tidy and comfortable than having them cut off with the heads attached, by the victorious reform party. Fook Sang was my cabin boy, a most intelligent youth from one of the Treaty Ports. My remarks on this subject occasioned a conversation.

I said to Fook Sang "Plenty trouble your country lately?"

Fook Sang smiled.

"All li," he replied, "no moah trouble. Allee same Amelica now—Lepublic."

"But," I ventured, "a great many people been killed in this revolution?"

Fook Sang looked at me with a compassionate eye. "Oh yes," he agreed, "killem one million, two million—no mattah—plenty moah."

Plenty more! That was why this Chinese patriot could accept the situation with calm philosophy.

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I wonder how many Australians are seeing the possible results of this awakening in China. We are going along in this country as if we had centuries of occupation and development behind us, whereas, speaking in comparative time, we only began yesterday. After a hundred and forty years of European settlement, we have just commenced to manufacture essential things on which the existence of a nation depends, and there are people who desire to limit the output of our factories, and go back to the stagnant days of foreign monopoly. There are now about a dozen establishments in which Australian ores can be converted into iron and steel. One wonders what provision has been made by the Governmet for the utilization of their plants, in case of sudden necessity, for turning out railway iron, munitions, armour plates, guns, aeroplanes and all other indispensable machinery of defence!

I believe, during the Great War, the B.H.P. people at Newcastle practically demonstrated that the quality of their steel was such that armour plates, ship plates, shell steel, etc., equal to British Navy standards, could be constructed without difficulty, given the necessary equipment—no doubt that Australia can turn out anything and everything in the way of manufacture, from her own raw material, of as enduring quality as any other modern nation.

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Australia possess everything—except population! As my last conversation with Harimoto terminated, this subject (of frequent discussion between us in other years) cropped up again.

Harimoto has always spoken sadly of our vast empty spaces. In return I sympathise with him regarding the small overcrowded spaces of his country. Each of us knows perfectly well what the other is inwardly thinking, but, when not in violence, the Irish temperament is inclined to politeness—like the oriental.

"It is a very sad thing, very sad thing," said Harimoto, preparing to inhabit his midnight kimono, "that this country so few people and so many living in capital cities on coast region."

"Yes," I agreed, "but how are we going to get over this?" He offered me a cigarette, lit his own, blew the smoke through his nose, fixed his vision on a weather-stain or something on the wall, and replied:

"How you get over problem? I think, perhaps, take lesson from China. They not wanting European people that country—they push him out. You not wanting Asiatic people this country—you keep them out with Alien Exclusion Act. No room in China, plenty room Australia—very queer fun."

"Yes," I said, "but honest to goodness, Harimoto, what do you think, man to man, the people and the Government ought to do about it?"

"I think," replied my friend, removing his gaze from the stain, and looking straight into my eyes, with his curious, ancient smile, "I think perhaps for start, instead of putting up slogan on your railway station, "Eat more citrus fruit," you please place placard every corner your country, "Have more babies."

E. J. BRADY.

## POEMS THAT LIVE.

### MAN'S LOVE.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove;
Oh, no! it is an ever-fixer mark
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark
Whose worth's unknown, although his height is taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out ev'n to the edge of doom;
If this be error, and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

—*Shakespeare.*

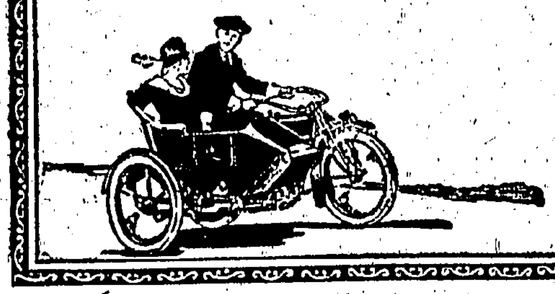
## FASCIST PLANS.

### WORLD ORGANIZATION IDEA.

Rome, Feb. 5.

The constitution of a world-wide Fascist organization to include Fascists abroad was issued here yesterday by Premier Mussolini.

It provides that Italians abroad may swear allegiance to the Fascist regime and receive membership cards. Italian Consuls will act as representatives of the organization.



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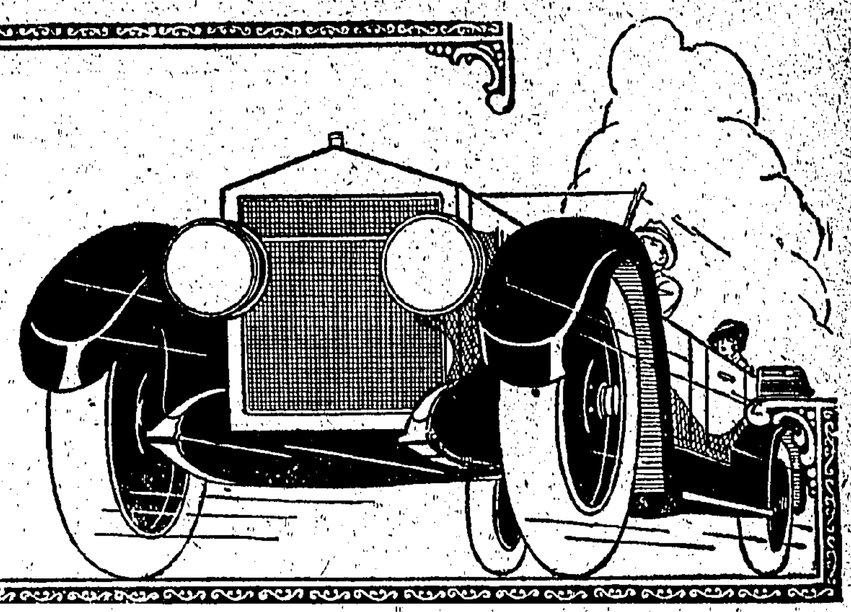


## CURRENT COMMENT

**Careless Parking.**

There have been several justifiable complaints lately regarding the carelessness with which some drivers park their cars in the limited spaces available in the centre of the town. Undoubtedly, the worse offenders are the drivers of public hire vehicles, but one would imagine that in view of the growing number of such cars and the fact that there is scarcely room enough for them all, there would be extra care taken by those in charge of them. Lots of room is wasted owing to careless parking and, on Tuesday afternoon, there was one flagrant offender to be seen at the end of the rank in Chater Road, near to the Queen Victoria monument. Not only had this driver failed to park in close, but he had also parked so badly out of alignment that one side of Chater Road was badly obstructed by the bonnet of his car. With so many cars parking in town there ought to be a trained constable specially detailed to patrol the ranks and keep drivers up to scratch in this matter.

**A New Two Stroke.**

The two-stroke engine for lightweight motor cycles has enjoyed a popularity that has never waned, and every now and again a striking new model comes on the market to call particular attention to this "fool proof" engine. We note that Sincere's have just received a sample of the new Excelsior lightweight cycle—a 2½ h.p. two-stroke that has attracted wide attention amongst cyclists at Home. The machine is sturdily built—a worthy example of the supremacy of British manufacture—and should more than ordinarily interest any would-be motor cyclist.

**A Weymann Saloon.**

The Fiat agents in Hongkong have just received one of the famous "509" cars, fitted with a Weymann saloon body, exactly similar to that which has lately been all the rage in Paris and other Continental capitals. The saloon body, which is of fabric manufacture, is most elegant and luxurious, with adjustable driving seat and all the interior refinements associated with saloon styles. The mounting is low, thus giving a comfortable riding balance. The car is well worth an inspection by all motorists.

**New Type Buses.**

Three of the six new Dennis motor buses, ordered by the Kai Tak Company for service on the Peninsula, arrived in the Colony on Wednesday. They will be tested in the course of the next few days. It is interesting to note that these buses are of the latest passenger carrying type manufactured by the Dennis Company and are at present the only three of their kind in Hongkong. They are called the new "G" type with a low load line passenger chassis. With these buses the floor is some two feet nearer to the ground than with those at present in use. Consequently, it is much easier to mount and dismount. With a wheel base of 11ft. 10ins. the new "G" type has been designed to carry a bus or coach body that will provide comfortable accommodation for 21 persons, including the driver, and its low load line presents only one step between the ground and the floor of the vehicle. The highly efficient Vacuum-Servo brakes can be operated with the least physical exertion. There is no risk of skidding even at high speeds and the vehicle can be brought smoothly to rest in an extremely short distance, irrespective of the condition of the road surface. The seats are fitted with steel spring backs and are well padded and upholstered. Ventilators are fitted in the most effective positions in the roof. There are five interior lights, four being in the saloon and a fifth, separately controlled, being over the main entrance. A communication cord and bell is fitted.

**Mechanical Details.**

The new buses present a smart and efficient appearance. They are fitted with four cylinder engines, developing 36 B.H.P. at 2,000 revolutions per minute. Consumption of gasolene works out at approximately 18 miles to the gallon and they are capable of travelling for a distance of about 800 miles on a gallon of oil. The electrical system is capable of illuminating the interior lamps as well as supplying all the current needed for the efficient working of the electrical instruments. The total gross weight of one of these buses is 3 tons 19 cwts. They are fitted with pneumatic tyres specially designed for passenger service, thus ensuring the maximum comfort. When tests are carried out, the performance of this type of bus will be watched with interest, especially in view of the fact that another three are due to arrive in Hongkong next month.

**Parking at Kowloon.**

The question of parking accommodation on the Kowloon side of the Star Ferry is becoming more and more acute as time passes and many new machines are being put on the roads. Especially is this want becoming felt by motor car owners who at present park their cars at the shelter outside the Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns wall. Between office hours cars are seen parked there for the whole length of the shelter and beyond, sometimes reaching from the Godown entrance nearly to Canton Road. The entrance to the godowns is not always clear of these vehicles. We would suggest that a suitable parking ground be provided. It should be possible for the Government to arrange such accommodation on the spare ground opposite the Water Police Station. The present situation is unsatisfactory and some improvement is needed. To allow overcrowding on a certain portion of a roadway seems absurd when there is ample spare ground which, if utilised, would be suitable for the parking of a large number of cars without causing obstruction or inconvenience to anyone. Some consideration in respect of this matter would be greatly appreciated by motorists generally and we pass the suggestion on to the authorities.

**The Races.**

Traffic arrangements for the races this month will be somewhat similar to those put into effect last year. From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. east bound traffic will travel *via* Queen's Road East and Morrison Gap Road, turn to the left at the Monument and go round the Valley. Passengers can alight either at the public or main entrances. After 3 p.m. the route will be by way of Arsenal Street, Praya East, Percival Street and round the Valley. From 3 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. motor traffic leaving the racecourse will travel west up Morrison Gap Road and along Queen's Road East. Motor traffic may use Kennedy Road, eastwards, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and westwards between 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Motor cars will be parked as directed by the police on duty.

**Testing Public Vehicles.**

Statistics regarding the testing of public motor vehicles during last month show that the total number tested was 505. Of this number, 406 were public motor cars and 99 commercial motor vehicles. As part of the test, each vehicle was driven over certain roads and special attention was paid to the brakes and other important parts. It is reassuring to know that such strict supervision of public vehicles is exercised by the police department. These cars and lorries travel many miles in the course of a day and call for constant attention to keep them in a safe and efficient condition.

## TANKS IN ACTION AGAINST THE SNOW.

Tanks were recently used from Bulford Camp for conveyin g mails to and from Salisbury. Photo shows a tank, carrying post office mails, forcing its w ay through the snow on the main Salisbury Road.

## MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL.

### Details of Reliability Test.

### TEAMS CAN ENTER.

In connexion with the motor cycle Reliability Trial which is being organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps it is announced that entry forms and rules have now been prepared and may be had by those intending to participate in the trial from the Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. G. Swinburne, c/o *S. C. M. Post*.

There is evidence that the trial is keenly awaited and signs that the event will be excellently supported. The course has been mapped out and is now being investigated. It will be eighty or ninety miles long, but as explained last week this will include considerable stretches of the ordinary motor roads.

The start will be from the Volunteer Headquarters at a time to be arranged later, and a certain interval will elapse before the competitors follow each other. Some motor cyclists may know little about the Island roads, and therefore it has been arranged that the course shall be plainly marked, giving little opportunity for competitors to go astray.

Each competitor will be allotted special number plates, numbers being allotted in the order of entries being sent in. Further instructions to competitors with regard to the fitting of these special number plates and of other matters connected with the trial will be given later. The entrance fee for the trial is $1 and this amount, together with a similar sum as deposit for the number plates should be sent in.

As regards the awards there will be a silver cup for competition among the entrants from the Motor Cycle Section of the Volunteers and another cup confined to members of the Flying Squad. For competitors not in the Motor Cycle Section or the Flying Squad the principal award will be a handsome silver cup, this being open to anyone taking part in the trial. It is possible that other awards will also be given in the open section.

**Team Entries.**

The Committee has decided that teams of three competitors may also enter the trial and special entry forms are available for this. To form a team it is merely necessary for one intending competitor to find two others willing to compete as a team. In the trial they will compete as both individuals and also as a team. No restrictions are placed on the make or horsepower of the machines ridden by the team competitors. The award in this class will go to the team which comes out of the trial with the best performance.

It will be seen, therefore, that it is possible for a competitor to win one of the individual awards and also to be in a team which qualifies for a team award.

The work of the organisers will be simplified if, when individual competitors decide on the composition of a team, only one team entry be sent in giving the names of all three entrants competing as a team.

The trial will probably be split up into four laps, the third finishing at Statue Square. After that competitors will have a fourth and last lap to cover. It is expected that times will be so arranged that competitors will have to cover the last lap, or part of it in darkness.

**Brake Test.**

Another feature of the trial is likely to be a brake test, which, if included, will take place soon after the start and serve to demonstrate that the machines are not faulty as regards brakes. Some of the roads and paths, included in the course will necessitate effective brakes and to show that machines are so equipped it may be possible to have a test soon after the start. This matter is now being considered by the Committee.

Competitors will be given a reasonable time to cover the distance between the checks and they will of course lose points if they are outside this time. The time limit given will be a reasonable one decided on after careful times and measurements have been taken on the course. Competitors will be required to pass through certain checks, but it has not yet been decided whether these will include any secret ones.

In addition to the observers at the checks, etc., there will be travelling marshals who will have certain powers regarding the effective control of the trial as a whole. The rules include nothing with regard to speedometers or watches, and therefore competitors may carry these if they think any advantage is to be gained by the use of them.

The Committee responsible for the organisation of the Trial consists of Lieut. J. E. Hancock (chairman), Mr. H. G. Swinburne (Hon. Secretary), and L. Cpl. H. G. Williams (Hon. Treasurer) An Advisory Committee consists of Serg. E. J. J. Spradbery, Serg. R. K. Valentine, Cpl. F. Cowherd, Pte. G. H. Bond and Pte. E. L. Groome.

## SILENCING OF MOTOR CYCLES.

### Issue of Efficiency Certificated by the A.A.

Arrangements have been concluded between the Automobile Association and the British Cycle and Motor Cyle Manufacturers and Traders Union Limited, whereby the Automobile Association has inaugurated a scheme for certifying the methods of silencing motor cycles.

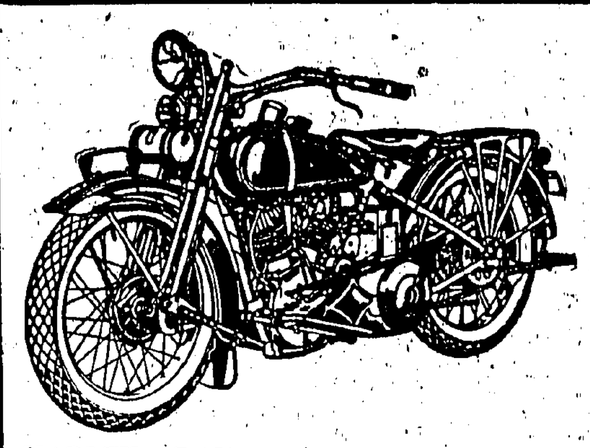
The efficiency of the silencing device will in every case be the subject of a thorough test and subsequent certification by a panel of engineers appointed by the Automobile Association. Certificates of efficiency will then be issued by the A. A. in respect of current models of motor cycles, which the manufacturers submit to the Association for examination.

This step has been initiated by the Automobile Association, not only for the protection of motor-cyclists against unjustifiable prosecutions, but to secure the co-operation of both manufacturers and motor-cyclists in the production and use of motor cycles which fulfil the requirements of the law, and can be used without annoyance or inconvenience to the general public.

## PEDESTRIANS TO CARRY LIGHTS.

Albany, Jan. 11.

A Bill requiring pedestrians outside cities to carry a light clearly visible in front and rear between sunset and sunrise has been introduced in the New York State Legislature by Senator Hewitt, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who assured scoffers that he was in deadly earnest.



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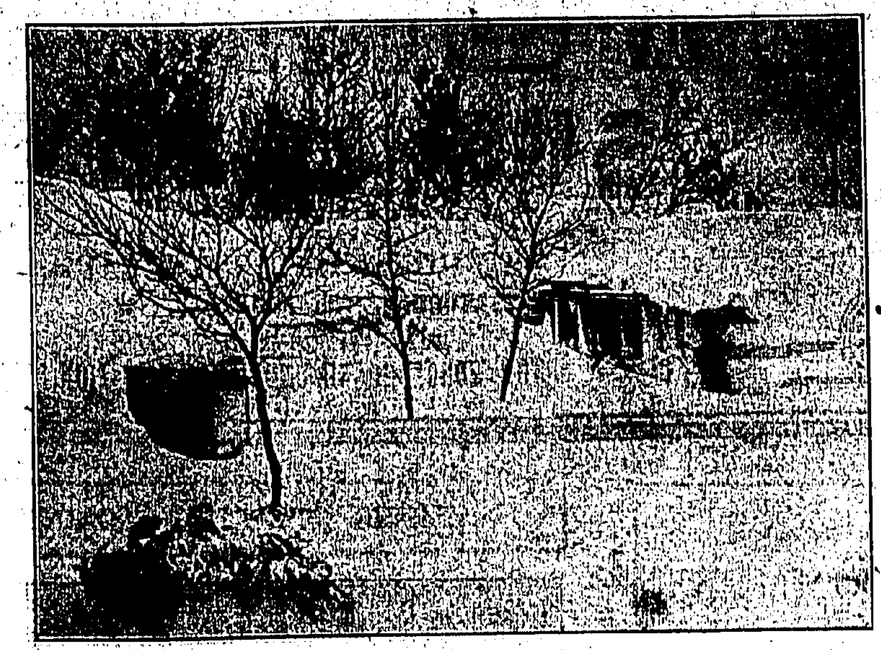


A motor-car and garage (right) almost completely buried in a deep bank of snow, which rises still higher behind them. This photograph was taken in Kent during the recent heavy snow storm.

## NEW FUEL FOR MOTOR CARS.

### Abolition of the Engine Knock.

### WHAT A 200 MILES' TEST DISCLOSED.

"Ethyl," which has been teasing the public for some time, will soon be on sale in pump and in can. It is a new motor fuel and its introduction may be said to have created a revolution among the ordinary brands of petrol.

For the first time a member of the great combine of oil firms has, produced a spirit to be sold to the public for anti-denoting purposes. Everyone knows the "pink" which will take place in a labouring or dirty engine. It is due to the charge in the cylinder exploding violently instead of burning evenly through the whole stroke, with the result that a sort of hammer-striking effect is being delivered on the top of the piston. Benzol and alcohol both reduce this effect, and tetraethyl lead for some time has been used in racing engines. The latter fuel has, however, the great disadvantage for touring purposes of depositing lead in the combustion space.

Normally, on combustion, lead tatraethyl forms lead oxide, which, under the heat of the cylinder, forms pure lead, which is deposited on the sparking plugs, valves, and the top of the piston. With "Ethyl," however, it is claimed that with the introduction of ethylene dibromide this is prevented, as on combustion lead bromide is formed, which is a harmless white powder and is blown out of the exhaust.

**Claret Colour.**

Though lead tetraethyl is highly poisonous, only about a teaspoonful to the gallon is used in "Ethyl," and in addition Halowax oil for lubrication is added, and also a red aniline dye to distinguish the spirit, which gives it a claret colour.

"Ethyl" will be sold to the public at most garages and filling stations at 2d. a gallon more than No. 1. petrol.

I decided to give the new spirit a test under the worst possible conditions, and accordingly the car on which I tried it had not been decarbonised or had the engine touched for just over 25,000 miles. The compression ratio originally had been 5.7 to 1, but what it was during the test with such a dirty engine I do not know. It was an overhead valve engine of three litres, with four valves per cylinder and two plugs in each cylinder. Before the test was made I fitted a new set of plugs on the exhaust side, but left the old inlet ones in.

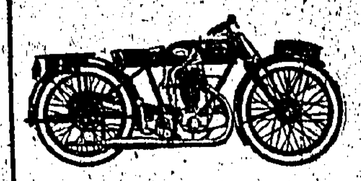
On the road I found that, with the ignition fully advanced and with No. 1 Pratts petrol, detonation disappeared at 2,100 revolutions per minute, while with the "Ethyl" mixture detonation went at 1,600 r.p.m. At half advance with No. 1 petrol, detonation disappeared at 1,400 r.p.m. while with "Ethyl" it had gone at 1,250. Fully retarded, "pinking" was present on No. 1 petrol up to 800 r.p.m., while with "Ethyl" it had gone at a little over 500 r.p.m. All those tests were made with the throttle fully open and the same carburetter setting.

**Greater Acceleration.**

The effect that the "Ethyl" had on acceleration was that on No. 1 Pratts, the car did 10 to 50 miles per hour in 17 seconds on the second out of four gears, on "Ethyl" it passed from 10 to 50 m.p.h. in 15.2-5sec. There was no apparent difference in starting in cold weather, and the petrol consumption was improved by one mile to the gallon. There was no lead to be seen on the sparking plugs at the end of the test though, with ten gallons lasting but a little over 200 miles, it is, of course, impossible to say whether a deposition of lead actually occurs, as several thousands of miles would have to be run before it was certain that this had not taken place.

Thus it is obvious that the use of an anti-knock petrol makes it possible for higher efficiency to be designed, and enables the old ones to run with the ignition fully advanced and under conditions which they could not do before.

At the South Western Police Court, London, the Automobile Association has just secured the complete exoneration of a member of the medical profession who was charged with three offences of driving dangerously. The Commissioner of Police was represented by counsel, and the prosecution alleged that at Clapham the defendant (a) overtook a motor cycle at excessive speed, causing it to collide with another car; (b) subsequently drove over a cross road at an excessive speed; and (c) also drove in a manner dangerous to the public. The defence was a complete denial of all the charges, and after a searching cross-examination of the police witnesses by the A.A. solicitor the magistrate dismissed all three summonses.

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## THE PACKARD FACTORY.

### The Latest Addition.

Building No. 21, the seventy-ninth in the group of structures which forms the big Packard Motor Car Company factory, has just been completed and occupied. Its planning, construction and occupancy were hardly more than ordinary routine details in the daily life of the Packard company.

The new building is dwarfed by a huge structure which extends along Concord Avenue from East Grand Boulevard almost to Harper Avenue, alongside which it stands. Yet it is in itself a factory which would be considered more than ordinary even in a good sized city.

Building 21 however has assumed importance in "Packard city," because it was completed on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the occupancy of the first Packard factory in Detroit and is located almost on the same site as the original structure. Although it represents only 175,000 square feet in the total 3,200,000 square feet of floor area in the plant now, 24 years ago it would have considerably overshadowed the entire Packard factory in size and far surpassed it in structural details and building equipment.

The new building was erected in record time. It has a frontage of 190 feet and is 382 feet long, extending from Concord Avenue to Packard Avenue, the main thoroughfare through the Packard factory. It has four floors and a glass covered court 60 feet by 320 feet. It is designed to carry several additional stories. Conforming to the other factory buildings of the plant it is of heavy reinforced concrete and brick construction.

The building was entirely completed in exactly 60 days, which the contractors believe to be a record for the erection of a flat slab concrete structure of such size.

## MUST PARK SOMEWHERE.

The often-discussed possibilities of underground parking stations may be held by the action of the Automobile Association of Great Britain.

It is putting the case before a Royal Commission on London Squares and Open Spaces now sitting, in an endeavour to have the scheme recommended.

## JAY-WALKERS.

### Control Is Needed.

Amongst the many quaint departments at Harvard University (U. S. A.) is a bureau of traffic research, presided over by Dr. Miller McClintock, who is called upon to solve the street problems of most American cities.

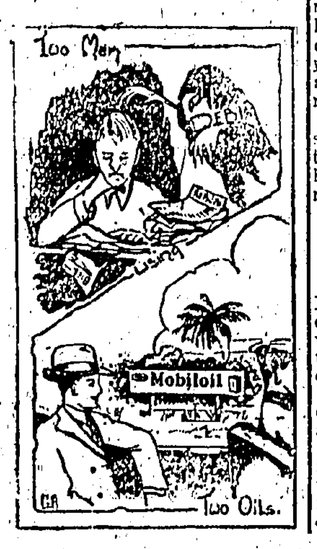
Included in the information he has gathered in his researches are some interesting facts on the habits of jay-walking pedestrians.

First, and most important, of his statements on jay-walking is the fact that it does not save time. The man who tries to cross the street from any angle in a hurry takes longer to get to the other kerb than the man who crosses at a corner. This happens twice in every three crossings.

In Chicago it was noted that more than half the pedestrians held up by traffic attempt to break through the traffic stream, and most of them are trapped between lanes of vehicles, endangering themselves and reducing traffic speed.

When pedestrians are successfully held in check, traffic flows at 15 m.p.h., but when they are not, it is reduced to 10 m.p.h.

Statistics of this nature might profitably be studied by the members of the Traffic Commission in Sydney, for a proper control of pedestrians seems as necessary for safety and fast traffic as the existing control of motorists.




## WANDERLUST FLAPPERS.

### Girls Vamp a Ride.

Tramping across country is out of date in America.

Now, they're vamping across country.

Girls of course. Classified by the police as "wanderlust flappers," most of them are young women making from all points of the compass for Hollywood and fame.

Too poor to pay their train fare, they are not too proud to beg a lift from passing cars.

Chief assets are a bright but piteous smile, a story of a car which broke down, and a handbag containing spare stockings and a complete beauty outfit.

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## MOTOR COMPANY

### £118,248 Deficit Spoils a Dividend Record.

The annual report of the Standard Motor Company, of Coventry, announces that, on the year's working, a net loss was incurred of £118,248, an amount which nearly cancels the profits made in the two previous years.

The company is spoiling a consistently good dividend record by making no payment to shareholders. In 1925-26 it paid 10 per cent., and in the four previous years 15 per cent. In April 1924 a share bonus of 100 per cent. was made.

The loss is stated to be due to a serious reduction in turnover, and to meet the situation the directors have introduced an entirely new model.

## BRITISH EXPORTS GROW.

Total motor exports from Great Britain during the nine months ended September 30, 1927, were valued at nearly £1,000,000 greater than exports for the same period of 1926.

Complete cars exported numbered 10,824, valued at £2,373,418, as against the 10,415 £2,277,368 of 1926; but the biggest increase came in chassis (chiefly for Australia), which rose more than 50 per cent. from the 8328 of 1926 to £12,643 of 1927.


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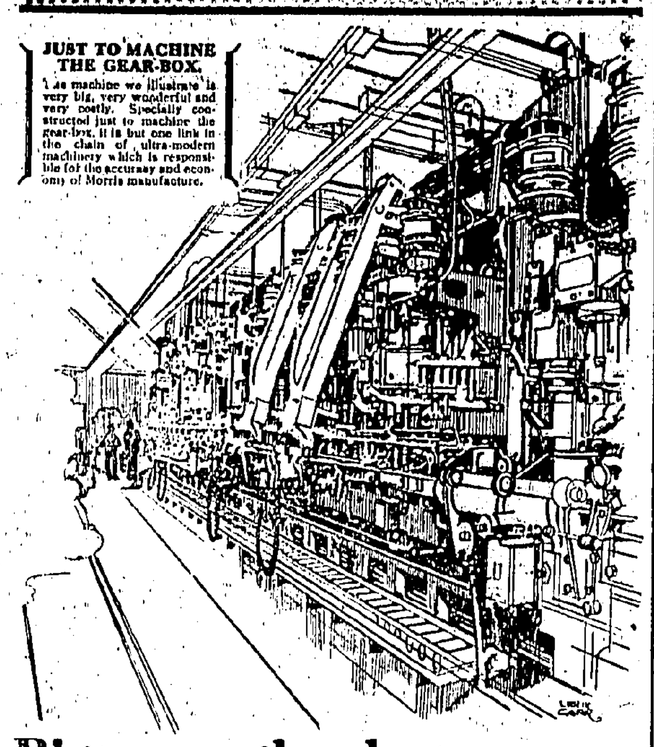

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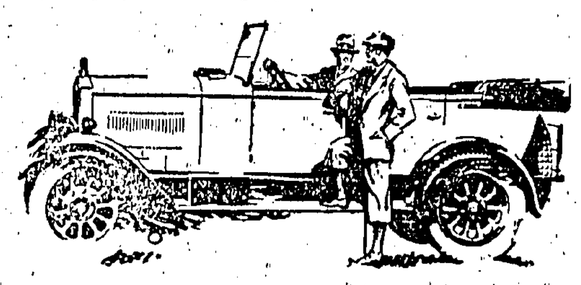
Examine the "World" model Morris; note its sturdy compact design, the well-finished workmanship throughout. Then you will realise that this British car is the car of the future—the car that is big enough, yet not too big.



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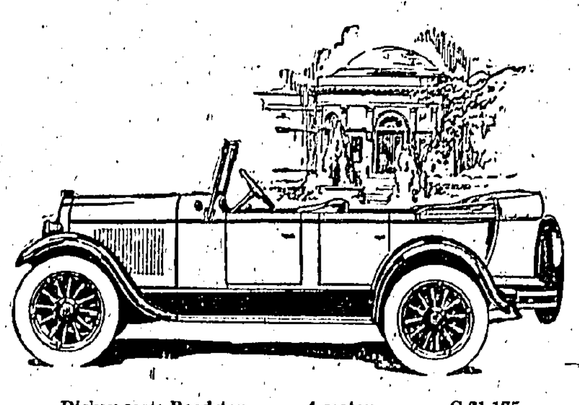

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## NOTHING LIKE IT.

### A Tale of Woe by the Wayside.

[By Cyril A. Potts.]

My car suddenly started playing the fool. Instead of purring along with its usual musical hum, the engine began running on the dot-and-carry-one principle. Having an excellent reason for not wishing to soil my hands (run away you boys, it was nothing of the sort; besides, she does not mind a bit), I stopped at a garage in a typical English village. I knew it was a garage because it said so over the door, otherwise I might have mistaken it for a rabbit hutch, or a bacon box.

**Concerning Alf.**

I tootled my horn and, after an interval, Alf came out. Alf was an unattractive youth with a sniffling cold and pre-war dirt on his neck. He waved the stump of a Woodbine with a prehensile upper lip and looked at me with the expression of a tired cow. I explained the symptoms, made a few suggestions and went for a stroll. It was about 3 p.m. By 3.15 p.m. I had surveyed the entire village in detail, so I strolled back to the garage. Alf was sitting on my suitcase, playing spillikins with my tools. The Woodbine, which had gone out, was still describing graceful circles in the air. I went for apother stroll.

**On Returning.**

When I came back Alf had raised the bonnet and was having a rest. It struck me that he had been hibernating and had not yet come out of his trance. He moved about as rapidly as a snail on a fly-paper. I asked him what progress he had made, and he replied that he thought "there was summat wrong, somewheres."

They say that "a soft answer turneth away wrath." I do not agree. More often it inspires it.

Telling him to have a look at the valves and plugs, for a start, I strolled for a third time.

I have seldom seen a more boring village. I spent ten minutes watching some ducks standing on their heads in a stagnant pond, and another ten examining the tombstones in the churchyard. When I returned Alf was again having a rest. He had removed several nuts from the cylinder head and timing cover and disconnected the lamp wires. I made an extempore speech, with decorations, which reduced him to tears, then I went across to "The Frog and Faceache" for some tea.

**Lost.**

My demand caused a certain amount of confusion, not to say consternation, at "The Frog and Faceache," but eventually the tea, such as it was, was served.

It was now dusk, and when I returned to the garage I found it locked up. My car was inside and Alf had departed into the unknown.

With much perseverance I succeeded in tracking Mr. Bloggs, the proprietor of the garage, to his lair.

Mr. Bloggs was a plumber, with the accent on the "plum." He probably put it down to indigestion. I explained the position at some length, but Mr. Bloggs was unmoved. I expostulated; I pleaded; I regret to say I even stooped to profanity, but Mr. Bloggs merely scratched his head. Finally, he informed me that his trade union would not allow him to work at so late an hour, even if there had been any light in the garage, which there was not; but, as a great favour, he agreed to unlock the door and I could take away my suitcase as I didn't seem to trust it where it was.

There was nothing for it but to reconcile myself to a night at "The Frog and Faceache."

"The Frog and Faceache" was not pleased to see me again. The landlady gave me a room, under protest. The whole place silently reproved me for daring to disturb its peace. The food was second-hand, so were the sheets. The bed was, apparently, stuffed with potatoes and, during the night, the feather escaped from the pillow and found its way into my throat. There were other disturbances which are apparently the stranger's prerogative.

Long before it was light the entire village held an animated debate, of which I was the subject, beneath my window, while the ostler played an obbligato on a couple of tin pails.

**Getting Busy.**

After a perfectly poisonous breakfast I went across to the garage. Alf was actually working, while the plumber looked on. When I arrived he was painting the exhaust pipe with a mixture of soap and water. Round him was strewn a miscellaneous collection of parts for which he had been unable to find homes. In reply to my question as to what the Elephant and Castle he thought he was doing Alf muttered something about a compression leak. I seized him by the collar and jerked him out of the way. The plumber received a not unneeded dose of soap and water under the left ear. Telling the indignant Alf to crawl back into his hole and die, I removed my coat, hung it over the back of the car and tackled the job myself, in spite of the protests of Mr. Bloggs.

If all the children who now made their appearance from nowhere have since grown up, that village must be a populous city. They made shrill and offensive remarks about my personal appearance and the appearance of my beloved car, and left indelible finger-marks on the paint. They tootled the horn, knocked my coat down and walked on it, and one bright youth with artistic leanings drew my portrait on the off-side wing with the tang of a file, a performance which was greatly appreciated by everyone but me.

**A Dog Dispute.**

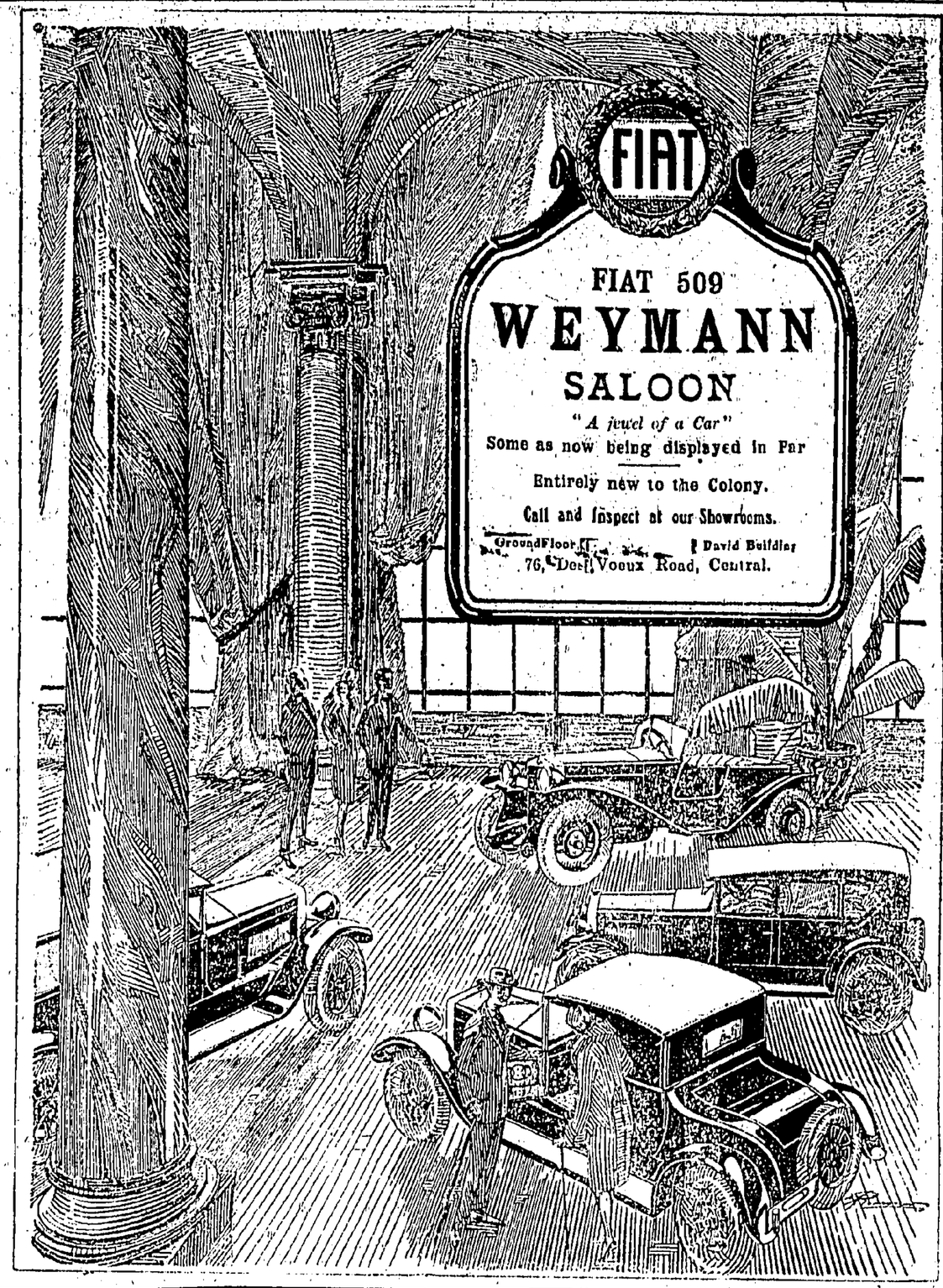
There was also a large herd of hostile and quarrelsome dogs, two of which started a fight between my legs, just when I was trying to lift a valve spring. The rest of them joined in and one of them mistook my leg for an opponent and bit it. I got distinctly peevish, and the plumber rebuked me for using language before all them innocent children. He said that a toff with a motorcar ought to know better. I made an incoherent noise, which was the nearest approach to speech that I could achieve at the moment. By degrees my threatening attitude cleared the rabbit hutch, and though I was conscious of great unpopularity I was able to locate the trouble, which was nothing more serious than a sticking valve, and put it right.

I left that village, and the bulk of my ready money, without any great regret. I was on the road again, heading for civilisation, and, after all, civilisation has its points. In the first mile I came across Blatherer. Blatherer is a member of my club who is famous among his friends as a judge of wine, and to the public as a writer on country life. He was just coming back from Town for a week-end in order to do a stirring article in praise of the truly rural.

"So," he said, "you have been spending a night in the village?"

"Well," he went on, "there is nothing in all the world quite like an English village."

"No," I agreed, and added under my breath a fervent "Thank Heaven."



## MOTORING IN FICTION.

### Ignorance of Some Writers.

Now that all the world and his wife, to say nothing of his sons and daughters, go a-motoring, it behoves journalists, writers of short stories and authors generally, to pay special heed to any technical features introduced into their literary effusions. Judging by the awful blunders recently perpetrated in some of the weeklies, it must be assumed that the practical experience in motoring of many writers has been confined to an occasional ride in a friend's car. Otherwise we should not be treated to this sort of thing: "In obedience to the outstretched arm of the constable, So-and-so brought his natty two-seater to a standstill; immediately the officer's arm was lowered our hero, wrongly applying the reverse clutch, caused the car to jump backwards, etc."

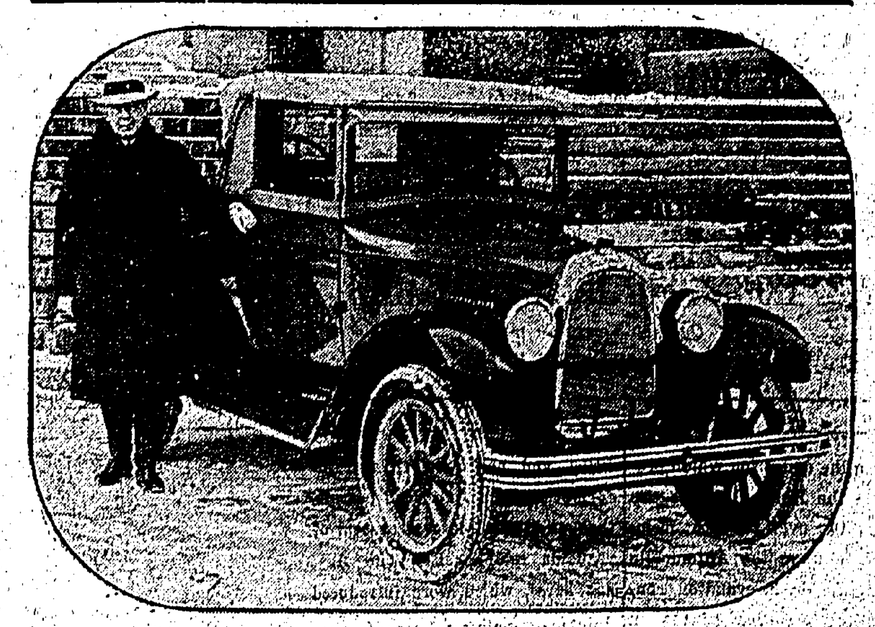
Turning to another journal, we find a more ambitious attempt to incorporate technical details in an otherwise commendable short story. The writer, in describing an accident to a privately-owned motor-bus, blithered as follows: "After negotiating—Hill, Dick Hero found himself on the lip of the steep ascent that led down to the last village before—Slipping the engine into bottom gear, he pulled on his hand brake and commenced to go down steadily.

Suddenly the bus shot forward. Pressing on his foot brake, he held its speed for a moment, and then it began slowly but surely to gather speed again. 'Good Heavens!' he muttered to himself grimly, 'we're out of control!' Yet Dick hung on. He was not the sort of man to lose his head. The speedometer rose gradually to forty miles an hour, etc." A second or two afterwards, the owner of a two-seater motorcar at the bottom of the hill watched "a great motor-bus flash past the spot."

After digesting the foregoing, it is a matter for wonder why the L. G. O. C. has a regulation which calls for their drivers, when descending steep gradients in the suburbs, to get into bottom gear, which means their crawling down at four miles an hour, without the application of either brake. It would also be interesting to know the speed attainable by the bus on any gear other than "bottom."

Is there a remedy for such stuff as the foregoing? It would appear that editors must issue an edict that no writer shall describe anything about motors unless he or she personally drives a car. Alternatively, every journal might keep on the premises an automobile engineer as a sub-editor.

## A LOW-PRICED COUPE.



When John N. Willys, Toledo automobile manufacturer, posed for this picture with his new model Whippet coupe, the automobile industry began to wonder if the long rumoured "price war" on low-priced cars had not actually begun. The coupe shown here will sell in the States for $545 (gold), which is just five dollars below the price of the new Ford coupe.

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We'll take, then close it, troubled, self-forgiving,
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Though these books too, will run the ancient race,
These, for the fly-leaves, are not out of place.

**For a Pedestrian.**

By every means I can contrive
I'll struggle to remain alive;
I'll even watch my step, and flee
Whene'er a motor's aimed at me,
And ne'er in mid-most street I'll stop,
Nor gaily round a tram I'll hop;
If drivers curse me, I'll not fight 'em;
I'll merely raise my nose—and slight 'em.

**For a Traffic Cop.**

From January to December
I'll try to make the traffic faster,
And strive my utmost to remember
I'm public's servant, well as master;
No more with scowls meek souls I'll freeze,
I'll even speak that strange word "Please."

**For a Mechanic.**

This pile of soap upon the shelf,
This kerosene within the tin
Means that I'll try to make myself
Like the renowned, well-known, new pin.
I'll not spray oil upon the guard
Nor on the seals—that should be easy.
I even might (but this is hard),
Not leave the steering wheel so greasy.

**For Any One of Us.**

I'll never boast about the speed
I've never done. Nor ever do it.
Just 30 will fulfil my need
In any haste. I'll never rue it.
I'll always see my brakes are tight,
I'll never have a glaring light,
I'll never, ever, want to bite,
The man who throws me dust. I'll chew it.

* * *

Thus, while the new year's coming from the shades.
Provide new paving, for the road to Hades.

—ANN O. DOMINY.

## WOMEN AND GEARBOXES.

### A Popular Dread.

To a woman, the gearbox of a car is often a box of fearful possibilities. Starting, steering and braking come fairly easily to her, but after she has obtained a grinding crash just once out of her gears she regards that portion of the works with dislike and dread. To her, a car represents glory, beauty and the thrill of speed—were it not for the detestable necessity of changing gears.

Much, of course, depends upon the amount of training received and upon the age at which this training is imparted. In which connexion it may be remarked that an impetuous and plastic flapper learns to drive much more easily than does a grown woman with nerves. But, in any case, a woman driver regards a car which demands but little in the way of gear-changing with an inordinate amount of relief.

This fact undoubtedly accounts to some extent for the present rage for six-cylinder models, for the six-cylinder engine relieves the gear-lever of much of its duty. Provided that the light six of to-day is good on hills and can drop to under 20 m.p.h. without the necessity of changing gears to get away again (which is not always the case, by the way), the driver can run the car on direct speed for very long periods without any recognition of the gearbox as an essential item in the use of the chassis.

To take the latest British model as an example, one can practically drive the new 6-cylinder 18/50 h.p. Star all day on direct speed. The writer has handled the new Star for half-an-hour in the narrow, traffic-burdened streets and lanes of an English manufacturing town without ever "coming off top." One slowed and stopped on top gear, and started away again on top innumerable times, smoothly, without jerking and without even pinking. Too much of the practice cannot be recommended, for there must be a certain strain on the transmission, but no sign whatever of strain was apparent in this instance. Again, on a hill, the car could be slowed down and the ignition lever advanced, but a slight pressure of the accelerator pedal would send her charging silently up the grade on top, again without pinking or gagging.

In the way of speed, the car could put up 73 m.p.h. as silently and smoothly as if it were running at 20 m.h.p.—indeed, if the passenger shut his or her eyes it would be quite impossible to state at what speed the car was gliding. And with her 4-ft. 8-in. track and 9½-in. ground clearance she appeared capable of going anywhere and doing anything—all on top gear. Truly a car for a woman who dislikes gear-changing.

## BRITISH CARS FOR THE EMPIRE.

### Mr. Morris Starts on a Trade Tour.

Mr. W. R. Morris, head of the Morris Motors (1926), Ltd., sailed from Southampton on board the Aquitania recently for a trade tour of the Dominions, in the course of which he will study particularly the prospects there of the British motor-car trade, both light and heavy.

He will visit Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

"The success of the British light car industry in Australia," he said in an interview before sailing, "is a striking example of how British industry and skill can, by organisation and enterprise, overtake the handicaps placed on them by the War.

"British light cars have triumphed in Australia, because of their economy in operation, their durability, ease of handling, and high quality workmanship. American manufacturers, because of the low cost of petrol in the United States, have developed big, slow-speed, and extravagantly-powered engines, and because their road conditions were similar to those in the British Dominions their cars, built with full track and ample clearance, made rapid headway in our Colonies.

"With the great road improvements that have taken place in the Dominions since the War, it was inevitable that the British light car should come into its own."

**Personal Contact.**

"The past year in Australia," he proceeded, "has not been an easy one from the business standpoint, because sheep and dairy farmers have been hard hit by droughts. We have, of course, done well, but we do not regard 1927 as a true indication of the progress we expect to make in the future. There are great opportunities ahead for 1928, both for the light and for the heavy car industries.

"British motor-car manufacturers have successfully fought for and consolidated their position in the home market, which to-day is sounder than it has ever been, and we have now breathing space to look overseas. It is only by personal contact and personal experience of actual conditions that our manufacturers can continue to compete successfully in the Dominions."

Speaking of the potential new American competition at home and in the Dominions, Mr. Morris said that in response to the demand in the United States for European appearance and style, American manufacturers were now building cars on British lines.

"But," he added, "we have two years' lead over the Americans in respect of design, and in light and heavy cars we shall do our utmost to maintain that lead and enhance our national prestige as a great motor-car manufacturing country."

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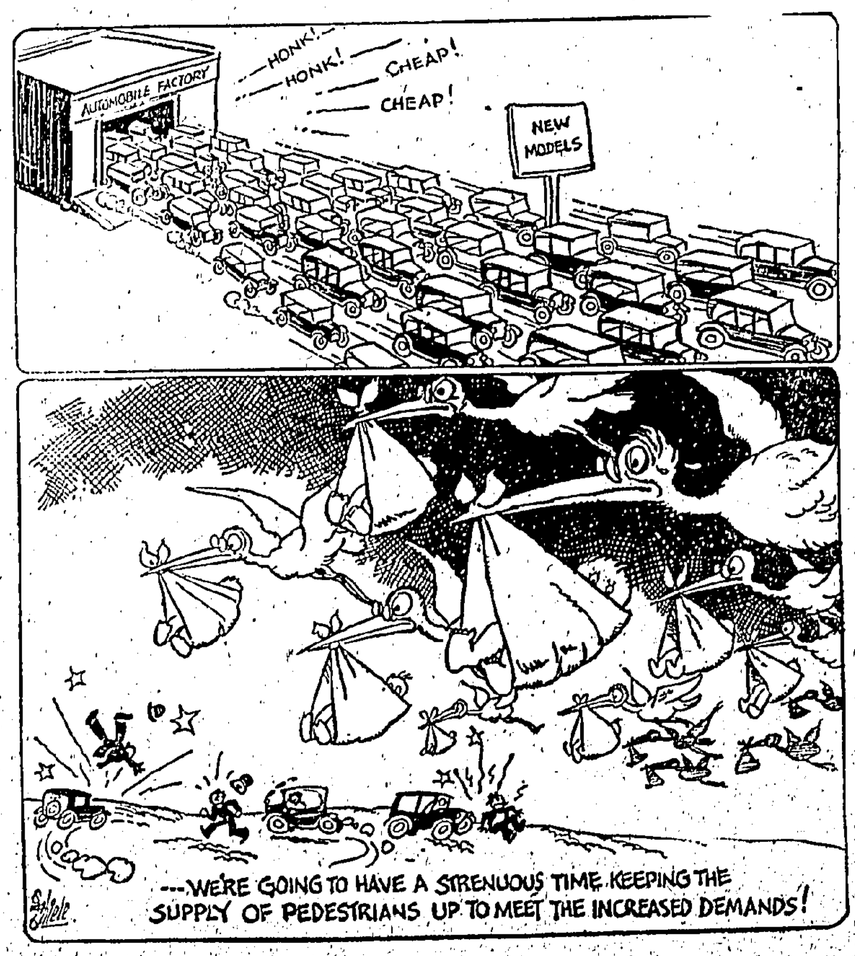



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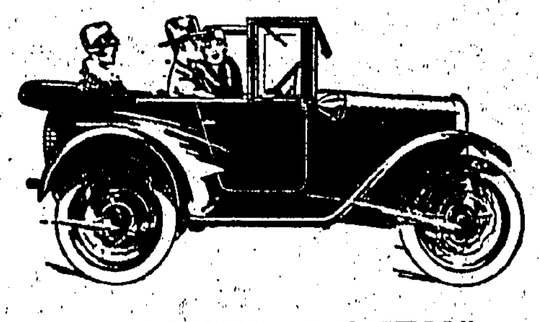

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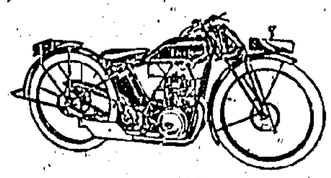

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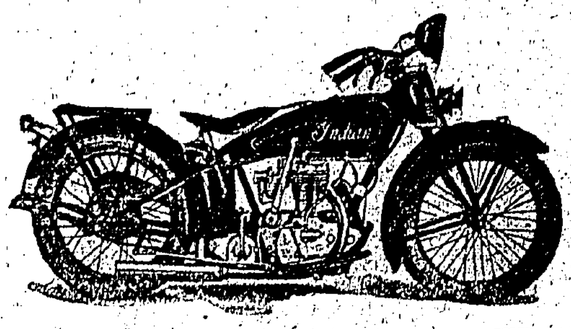

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## "DON'T ARGUE."

### Let Fools Have It.

"When a driver in the wrong insists on the right-of-way, let him have it," counsels the Chicago Motor Club. "You can't argue with a fool."

Which is a pretty safe rule to go by. If no driver ever took a chance on what the other fellow was going to do there would be comparatively few accidents.

# HINTS FOR THE MOTORIST

by ALBERT L. CLOUGH

### THE TWO FILAMENT HEADLIGHT BULB.

In the search for an effectual solution of the headlight glare problem, which is perhaps the most serious one as bearing upon the matter of safety in night driving, the use of double beam headlights has been advocated for sometime past, the proposition involving the provision of means by which each lamp can project, at the will of the operator, either a nearby horizontally directed penetrating beam capable of lighting the road for a long distance ahead or a somewhat downwardly directed beam, striking the road at a relatively short distance in front of the car, brightly illuminating the space immediately ahead of it and to the side, but free from glaring effect. It was first sought to obtain the more downwardly pointed, non-glare beam, by tilting the entire lamp into a more depressed direction and this arrangement was adopted upon a few makes of cars but the mechanical complication involved proved objectionable and the distribution of light, in the low ray position, was not of the most advantageous character. The double filament bulb, in combination with a specially adapted reflector and lens, provides means for securing the high or "driving" beam and the low or "passing" beam, without mechanical complication and with a superior light distribution. The two filaments are located in the bulb one about one-eighth inch above the other, the lower of the two being so located relatively to the axis of the reflector as to produce the "high" or long distance, concentrated beam and the upper one is so placed as to give the downwardly slanting and more divergent "low" beam of safely non-glaring quality. The base of the bulb has two live contacts and there is a connexion with each of these to a switch, so that either filament may be lighted at will giving either the high or low beam. On open roads, with no approaching cars in sight, the high beam is used to permit safe driving at high speed, but on lighted streets, on heavily trafficed roads or when other cars are to be met, the low beam is switched on, producing a lighted area immediately in front of the car, so brilliantly lighted as to counteract in some degree the dazzling effect of opposing headlights and broad enough to adequately light the roadside. Such headlamps, adapted to use the double filament bulb, are readily installed upon any car, it being only necessary to provide the required additional wiring and the switch attached to the steering column.

Question: What effect does kerosene have on the radiator and engine of a car, when used as an anti-freezant, as compared with other preparations that are used for this purpose?

Answer: In common with alcohol and properly refined glycerine, kerosene has no corrosive effect upon the radiator or engine jackets. Kerosene is, however, an extremely penetrating liquid and if there are slight leaks in a radiator, it will escape more freely than will alcohol and glycerine solutions. Leaks that are temporarily stopped with sediment, often open up and pass kerosene, when they will be practically tight to alchol. The kerosene which escapes does not all drip away but spreads over a large area adjacent to the leak point. Rubber hose connexions are much more subject to deterioration from kerosene than from alcohol. If its temperature is not allowed to become too high, kerosene has no bad effect upon an engine, but its boiling point is so high that it is possible to seriously overheat an engine and even affect the soldered joints of the radiator when it is used.

### Smoky Exhaust.

Question: Of late, the exhaust from my —— car has been growing more and more smoky and now there is a constant stream of bluish white vapour coming out from the muffler pipe, which is especially bad when a start is made after the engine has been running idle. What can I do to stop this?

Answer: If you have recently switched to a different brand of oil, perhaps it is not one of the best quality, but if you have not, it is likely that too much oil is passing the piston-rings, getting above the pistons, vapourizing and passing out with the exhaust gases. Maybe the time has come for new rings to be put in. You haven't a water leak into any of the cylinders have you? If there is one, considerable steam will come out with the exhaust until the engine becomes hot. The probability is that you will have to have new rings fitted.

## FASTEST STANDARD CAR TEST.

### Britain Not to Compete.

Great Britain may not be represented in the race which is to decide which is the world's fastest standard car.

It will be recalled in November it was stated that Captain Woolf Barnato had entered the lists with a Bentley car, challenging Mr. Moscovics, of the Stuz Motor Company of America, and M. Weymann, who had wagered each other that Europe could not produce as fast a standard car over a 24 hours' race as America.

Captain Barnato subsequently offered to race against America and France, and though it was originally announced that Major Segrave would drive the French car, he has since stated that he would be unable to do this.

All the preliminaries of the contest have now been settled, and the race is to take place on April 16 next on the Indianapolis track. The French car, which will be competing against Stutz, will be a Hispano-Suiza.

On or before December 31 both cars will be examined with a view to their certification as standard models. The Stutz will be submitted to the contest board of the Automobile Association of America, and the Hispano-Suiza to the technical committee of the Automobile Club of France.

The British challenger, it is now understood, may not compete, as the contest was originally a private match between M. Weymann and Mr. Moscovics, but the Bentley Company have issued, through Captain Woolf Barnato, a further challenge, the substance of which is that he is prepared to wager £1,000 that the winner of the team of Bentlys will beat the winner of a team of Stutz in a 24-hour race to be held at Le Mans next year.

It will be remembered that Bentleys won the 24-hour race at Le Mans in 1927, and they are the only British motor manufacturers who are capable of challenging the winners of the Stutz-Hispano contest.

The difficulty that has arisen over the Bentley challenge has been largely concerned with the building of the body, and though Bentleys were willing to run the same car as that with which they won the Le Mans trophy in 1927, certain other considerations in the wager between M. Weymann and Mr. Moscovics made it difficult for them to prepare the car in time.

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST SHOW.

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Realisation by motor traders of the value of the Australian motor show is proved by the fact that applications for exhibition space totalled 150,000 square feet. The committee could only allot 120,000 square feet, so that many would-be exhibitors were disappointed.

This year's Motor Show, which opens at the R. A. S. Ground will be the biggest yet staged in New South Wales.

This huge exhibition, which is obviously destined to become an annual event, has grown from the small display of 1912, when all exhibits were easily fitted into the agricultural pavilion in the Show Ground.

The event lapsed until 1920, occurred again in 1921, and then became really impressive in 1926, and better last year.

The 19,000 square feet of 1912 has grown to almost eight times that area, and the number and value of the exhibits will show an even greater proportion of increase.

Cars, motor cycles, lorries, oils, petrols, tyres, and a myriad accessories will be displayed.

An unusual and significant feature is that a special hall—the wine kiosk—is being devoted to used cars. Furbished and polished, these reconditioned cars will vie with their new relatives in glitter and shine, and should have an enormous educative influence on buyers.

## TRAMS AND THE MOTORIST.

### Broad-minded View of a Magistrate.

It is interesting to note that a summons against a Lancashire motorist, who was alleged to have run into a queue of people waiting for a tramcar, for driving to the common danger, was dismissed by the Heywood magistrates. The defendant declared that he applied both brakes as soon as he saw the queue and was afraid to swerve owing to the danger to other traffic on the road. The mayor expressed his sympathy with the victims, but held that people had no right to stand in a public road to the inconvenience of other traffic, and, if they did so, that they should pay due regard to their own safety. It is to be hoped that the views of this enlightened mayor will find their way to other Courts where this essentially reasonable attitude is not always taken.

Every motorist encounters selfish pedestrians who step off the pavements in anticipation of the arrival of a tramcar some appreciable time before it has actually stopped. Thus it happens that if another tramcar is proceeding in the opposite direction a motorist is inevitably trapped and the safety of all concerned depends upon the efficiency of the brakes of the car. Should the roads be wet, this, of course, is a very uncertain factor. It is to be feared that in numerous instances where pedestrians about to board a tramcar have been knocked down, and have subsequently claimed damages that they had, in reality, only themselves to blame. Indeed, it is not an uncommon thing to encounter a party of workmen on their way home, deliberately standing in the road at a tram stopping-place, and in some instances they seem to take a delight in bringing a car to a stop rather than step out of the way. Such people are of course the exception, but a few of them can cause a deal of annoyance to the motorist.

Perhaps the views of the mayor of Heywood will be duly chronicled by the motoring associations and be of service in future legal proceedings of like nature.—*Morris Owner.*

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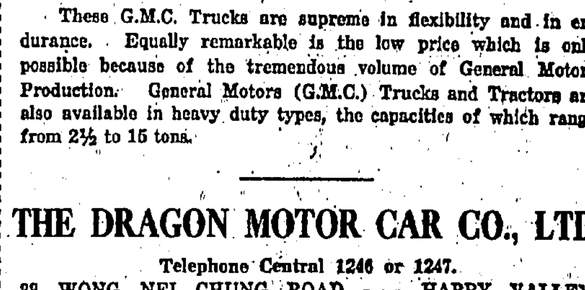

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## SCENE IN CHURCH STOPS SERMON.

### PROTEST "DROWNED" BY ORGAN.

### VICAR'S BLACK EYE.

A remarkable story of a scene in St. Paul's Church, Kingston Hill, and of an earlier scene in the Vicar's study, during which the Vicar was given a black eye, was told at Kingston when George Sherwood Lewis, of Alexandra-road, Kingston Hill, was summoned for "riotous behaviour" in the church during the celebration of Divine Service.

Mr. Blake Carn said that the summons was taken out on the information of Mr. J. M. Crowther, the Vicar's warden. The incident was the culmination of a series of incidents and the result of threats contained in letters written to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Wellesley Orr.

Lewis, he continued, was the only son of a man who had a distinguished military career; his grandfather was a distinguished surgeon in the Indian Army, and Lewis, who was educated at a public school, was brought up to follow that profession.

"The proceedings are not brought in any vindictive spirit, but because the wardens and Vicar think this annoyance to parishioners generally should be put a stop to."

**"Locked in Study."**

Mr. Carn, after referring to certain correspondence between Lewis and the Vicar, said that on Sunday Jan. 8th, as soon as the Vicar announced his text, Lewis jumped to his feet, declaiming, and shouted: "Mr. Orr, you are a scamp and a scoundrel. You are not fit to preach the word of the blessed Saviour."

The Vicar, continued Mr. Carn, ignored the interruption, but Lewis was evidently determined to see the matter through, and in order to quieten matters the Vicar gave out a hymn.

"Addressing the congregation generally, Lewis called out in a loud voice: 'Widows and orphans do not be misled by Mr. Orr.' The rest of his declaration was drowned by the music, and he was eventually persuaded to leave."

Mr. J. M. Crowther, the Vicar's warden, gave evidence supporting Mr. Carn's statement, and said that next day he received a letter from Lewis, in which he stated:

"I registered a vow to the God of Justice to do something that would prevent any further molesting by Mr. Orr of any poor devils like he did myself. You may not be aware that after the row I had some time ago I decided to ask him for an explanation. This led to a fight, as he chose to lock me in his study and refused to let me go....

"The issue is merely a question of whether he has the right to lock anybody in his study when they have previously, as in my own case, offered to settle the difference in the back garden."

The Rev. Arthur Wellesley Orr, the Vicar, giving evidence, said that he could not hear what Lewis was declaiming. As far he could gather, he gave out a counter-text.

The Mayor—What was your text?—It was: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Mr. Orr produced a bundle of letters which he said he had received, and read from one: "Re St. Paul's Church Magazine, December 26, 1926,—(mentioning a name), I consider this is undue familiarity and a breach of our agreement, which was that, if you left certain parties alone, I left you alone. The armistice is therefore over."

*Lewis, in evidence, said:* "When I first went into the church I meant business as regards heckling Mr. Orr, so I took a position in the front in the side aisle. I continued through the service to be passive until he began his sermon. I saw an opportunity of saying something, and said, 'In the name of the Saviour, shut up.' I put my question. "Will you please tell me what your right is to lock people in your study."

"I went to the vicarage," said Lewis, in reply to Mr. Carn, "to ask for an explanation of a certain act which I did not think quite straight. At the end of 20 minutes' interview in his study I was about to leave, but found the door locked, and the vicar had his back to it. If a person locks you in his study, I consider it an attempt on your liberty, and perhaps on your life."

Mr. Carn—Is that why you gave the vicar a black eye?—Yes.

Mr. Wellesley Orr, recalled, denied that he locked Lewis in his study. "I have always had an impression, "he said, "that he is not quite balanced. I deliberately put my hands in my pockets because he seemed in an excited state, and while my hands were in my pockets he struck me a blow."

Lewis—On that occasion you told me you were a middle-weight boxer?

Mr. Orr—I said I was a lightweight.

The Mayor said that Lewis would be dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, and bound over to be of good behaviour for 12 months, during which time he must not go to St. Paul's Church or to the vicarage. He must also pay £5 5s.

## WOMEN AND THE VOTE.

### PROTEST BY TEACHERS AT THE DELAY.

### THE MARRIAGE BAN.

Chester, Jan. 6.

Having disposed of problems purely professional, the National Union of Women Teachers to-day bestowed on itself a programme, various and unrestricted, a roving charter of debate.

The League of Nations was assured of support; the Prime Minister was offered congratulations on "the Flapper Vote" (or, as the Conference more gravely described it, "the extension of the franchise"); and a resolute protest was lodged against the dismissal of married teachers and the education of children by "bachelor women."

Miss Dawson, who moved the first resolution supporting the League of Nations and urging that an "international spirit may permeate the work of the schools," declared that the League, apparent as were its weaknesses, was the only tool yet fashioned to avert another conflict which might sweep away civilisation. A child should therefore learn in its school life what were the aims of the League.

"Too long," she said, "have we had a settled teaching as to the meaning of war, too long have we taught the attractiveness of a soldier. How often have we exalted the heroes of war and forgotten the heroes and the heroines of peace?"

"Let us have," she pleaded, "teaching of a wider significance in the schools."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**The Voting Age.**

Miss Pearson, of Tottenham, moved a resolution of congratulation to the Prime Minister on his public pronouncement in favour of equal franchise. She suggested that Mr. Baldwin had courageously favoured this course in opposition to many women in his party, and she warned her listeners that if the concession was to be secured, the fight must continue until a measure was actually on the Statute Book.

Miss F. K. Jones, of Oldham, warmly swelled the approbation offered to some members of the Government, but then Miss Britton, "on behalf of all the women under thirty in Walthamstow," hurried to the platform with a determined face.

"We are tired of congratulating the Prime Minister," she exclaimed wrathfully. "All the men and Mr. Baldwin and the Government ought to make a public apology in all the newspapers for keeping us waiting so long. I ought to send back my little bit of income tax twice a year when I have no representation, and it makes me sick that my money is going on wasteful things like armaments when it ought to be spent on the education of our children. I am a pacifist."

Loud and merry cheers were earned by this spirited dissent. Miss Britton has not long been eligible to benefit by the extended franchise the Government are contemplating.

In spite of her fine rebelliousness the resolution was approved.

**Married Teachers.**

Mrs. Stubbins, of Oldham, led the protest against the dismissal of women teachers who get married, maintaining they should not be removed from the work for which they had been trained from girlhood, unless they proved inefficient.

Mrs. Key regarded this demand as the crux of the feminist position —"if you agree that a local authority or anyone else may dictate to a young woman who has chosen to get married what work she shall do it is time that the Union closed down."

The happiness of a married woman was often an asset in her career, yet some men still regarded a woman who wanted a career as a soulless hooligan. Was it for this, she inquired amid laughter, that girls endured training colleges, which were no better than a nunnery?

Why, asked Miss Dawson, should children be educated by bachelor women? In London widows and wives who had been deserted were allowed to teach, which was tantamount to permitting only the sad and unhappy women to come to the schools.

There was no opposition to the passing of this resolution.

Then warm thanks were offered for the hospitality which this old city has afforded to the conference. Particular gratitude was expressed to the Dean of Chester, who has shown a deep interest in the visit of the teachers, and the gift was made to him of a stole, worked by Miss Gibson, one of the members of the Union.


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"No, surr, I only heard it."

"Stand down, your evidence is of no use at all."

As he was leaving the box the witness began to roar with laughter, and was sternly rebuked by the judge who threatened to sentence him for contempt of Court.

"But, sorr, did ye see me laugh?"

"No, but I heard you, and that was quite enough."

"But, surr, that sort of evidence you just told us is of no use at all."

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Dr. F. X. Morier and Charles McKay, Verdun chiropracter, Montreal have been committed to trial for manslaughter after being held criminally responsible by a coroner's jury for the death of a child diphtheria patient. It was shown that Dr. Morier treated a child for pneumonia when it was actually suffering from diphtheria. The parents testified that Dr. Morier had been called on December 23. The child died, and they swore that the doctor had not come when called, but two days later, and had not been sober then. McKay was accused of treating diphtheria by rubbing the child's spine.

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Man at Willesden: My wife was accused of killing a cat, but it was all in the execution of her domestic duties.

Solicitor at Colchester (in Lottery Act prosecution): It was a real Christmas draw. The first prize was a turkey and the last prize a box of pills.

Woman witness at Tower Bridge (speaking of her brother). He inhales bad health.

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Randolph Whipp, Tom Demaine, and James Demaine, of Barnoldswick, were each fined £2 at Skipton for game trespass on the Gledstone estate, East Marton, Skipton. It was stated that when the men were surprised in a wood by keepers they got away. Whipp jumped into the canal and swam across, breaking the ice with his fist as he swam, and the other two went under a culvert under the canal. One of the defendants said that they went into the wood for some holly. The head keeper on the estate said that they were having a very rough time on the estate, day and night, with poachers.

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Aberdeen always holds its own views on most things.—Mr. Hugh MacMillan, K.C.

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George are the two greatest assets of our country.—Mr. J. C. C. Davidson.

The poke bonnets of the George Eliot period are to come into fashion again.—Sir Francis Newdigate-Newdegate.

Beer is drunk much more in Scotland but it has taken a long time to acclimatise itself.—Sir Henry Fairfax-Lucy.

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Schoolboy "howlers":—

Evolution was invented by Darwin, Devolution by Satan, and Revolution is the kind of government they have abroad.

There are two kinds of scales, diatomic and teutonic.

The X-rays are produced when the sun's rays cross each other.

A Civil Servant is a man who fights in civil wars.

Humphrey of Gloucester and Cardinal Beaufort died shortly after each other.

The van of an army is the vehicle with a red cross on it.

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A thirteen-year-old boy pleaded guilty at the police court in Glasgow to a charge of having made two false ten-shilling Treasury notes, which he sold to two other boys for a penny each.

It was stated that the boy had a remarkable gift for draughtsmanship. When he was taken to the police station he was given a piece of paper and a pencil, and he drew from memory a perfect replica of a £1 note, which, on being compared with a genuine note, was found to be exactly the same, even its size being only a fraction of an inch less than that of a genuine note.

He was placed on probation for twelve months.

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Anxious Father—"Is it a him or a her?" Nurse—"It's a them!"

## CANTON ADMIRAL'S EXECUTION.

### STRANGE STORY OF WOMAN'S ACTIVITIES.

### REWARD REFUSED.

Some mystery attaches to the circumstances connected with the execution of Admiral Li Che-lung who was arrested and shot as a Communist on Wednesday in Canton, says a Chinese report.

It has been stated that the deceased was one of the chief plotters of the proposed second "Red" coup in Canton, but it is known that he arrived in Canton only a few days before his execution. His arrival was a great secret, of which even the Canton authorities were not aware.

On Tuesday, the day before the admiral's arrest, a young woman of about twenty years visited the headquarters of General Li Chai-sum and asked for an interview. The suspicions of the guards were aroused, and they reported to Li Chai-sum. In his desire to solve the mystery, Li Chai-sum ordered one of his officials to go out and impersonate him. The lady was accordingly deceived and she told the official that she personally saw Admiral Li arrive arrive in Canton on the s.s. Lungshan and that she knew Li was one of the chief conspirators in the second "Red" plot. She added that she gave the authorities the news and the address of the Admiral simply because she knew that if the second "Red" insurrection materialised, thousands of lives would be lost.

The woman's information led to the Admiral's arrest and the seizure of a large quantity of "Red" documents and literature at his residence. After the execution, the Government offered the woman a big reward for her services, but she politely refused it and went away without even disclosing her name.

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## "MERCENARY MARY."

### BANVARD'S SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESS.

Tuneful numbers, clever acting, and fine chorus work were features which made the Banvard Company's production of "Mercenary Mary" a notable success at the Theatre Royal last night. Unfortunately, the audience was not so large as it should have been, which was regrettable in view of the rare opportunity provided of seeing a musical comedy which had secured such a phenomenal run at Home. However, "Mercenary Mary" is being again produced at this afternoon's matinee and tonight, when it should not be missed on any account by lovers of good musical comedy.

The piece is well-known through the medium of music sheets and records in Hongkong, but it required the work of artistes like the Banvard's Company on the stage to bring out the full enjoyment that is to be dervied from the show. Miss Winifred Dalle, playing the title role could not have done better, and her singing of the principal number was such as to revive fresh enthusiasm in this song. As the poor, spineless husband, of Mary, Frank Atkinson had studied his part well and he and Victor Hagan, the latter as "Grandpa Skinner" from the "Yewnited States," sustained much of the humour and merriment of the play. William Senior and Miss Claire Leslie as "Jerry" and "June" made an excellent combination. Their work was marked by ease of manner and they very naturally filled their roles.

Other parts were taken by Lew Marks Sir Henry Somers, June's guardian, by C. G. Stopani-Thompson, a local amateur (Harry Webster), and by Miss Elsie Lancaster and Miss Kathleen d'Arcy. They all contributed to the success of the play.

Mention must be made of the fine chorus work. The chorus made frequent appearances, whilst the dancing was beyond criticism.

## NEW PHILIPPINES GOVERNOR.

### DEPARTURE FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

San Farncisco, Feb.3.

Governor Henry L. Stimson left for the Philippines at 2 p.m. today, abroad the President McKinley. He was tendered a warm farewell. Mayor James Rolph and Major General John L. Hines, commander of the ninth corps area, were among those at the pier to bid him bon voyage. The ninth corps area band played the National Anthem as the Governor General boarded the ship.

To the list of medical practitioners there has been added the name of Dr. (Mrs). Agnes Lilias Jenkins Dovey, of 1, Armend Buildings, Kowloon, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Edinburgh.

## THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

### HOPES OF EARLY RECOGNITION.

### JAPAN SAID TO OPPOSE BRITAIN.

### THE CUSTOMS ISSUE.

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

The arrival of the three Ministers representing the important European Powers at Shanghai for the purpose of conferring with the officials of the Nationalist Government was interpreted here as a step leading to the early recognition of the Nationalist regime as the Government of China.

Count de Martel, the French Minister, was the first to arrive from Peking, and was immediately followed by Johan Michelet, the Norwegian Minister; while Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, is arriving next week.

**French Minister Optimistic.**

The French Minister, responding to the Chinese welcome address, declared: "I have watched the influence of the Nationalist Government which extends from Canton to the Yellow River, and I am confident that the Nationalist revolution will shortly be successful. I have observed unmistakable signs of improvement in the territories controlled by the Nationalists and I believe that the Nationalists will shortly control Peking. It shall be my task to advise the French Government to devise ways for the early revision of the absolute Sino-French treaties."

Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, held the first conference with Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, the British acting inspector general of the administration of the Chinese Customs, to-day with reference to the demands made by the Nationalist Government pertaining to the control of the Customs revenues which heretofore were controlled by Peking. Mr. Soong informed the *Chicago Tribune* correspondent that he is of the belief that the British would recognize the demands of the Nationalist Government, but he refused to comment on the question of the Japanese attitude.

The Japanese press reports continue to attack the British, charging the British with attempting to embarrass Japanese trade to China through the granting of Chinese tariff autonomy.

**Seeks Co-operation.**

Avoiding newspapermen, Mr. Edwards merely made the statement that he is trying to induce the Peking and Nanking Governments to co-operate in the Customs matters in order to prevent the disruption of the administration and further embarrassment of the foreign trade. He also declined to comment on the attitude of the Japanese.

**Japanese Oppose British.**

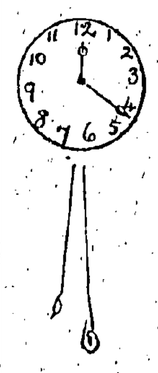
The Japanese who opposed the granting of Chinese tariff autonomy are attempting to block the apparent British plan to make a deal whereby the Nationalist Government would receive a proportionate share in the surplus of the Customs revenue derived from Nationalist territory. In inspired reports circulated through the semi-official Toho agency tonight, the Japanese charge the British Government with using control over the Chinese Customs houses for the purpose of promoting the British trade to China. The Japanese report charges the British with the plan to promote civil war in China by granting the Nationalist Government a proportionate share of the Customs revenues, and declares that "unless Great Britain alters her course to China a frontal clash between Great Britain and Japan is inevitable."

The British are thus between the devil and the deep sea, for the Nationalist Government has sent an ultimatum that unless the British agree with the Nationalist Government to control 70 per cent. of the Customs revenue that the Nationalist Government intends displacing the British as controllers of the administration of the Customs. The Japanese also charge the British with the intention to handicap the Japanese cotton goods trade to China through granting an increase in the Chinese tariff which the Japanese alleged that it would benefit the Manchester mills, but would adversely affect the Osaka mills.

The Japanese have been working for many months to induce the Peking Government of Chang Tso-lin to agree to the preferential rates on the Japanese goods, but recent British action tending to grant the Chinese tariff autonomy nullifies the Japanese alleged secret agreements with Chang Tso-lin.—*Chicago Tribune Correspondent.*

## HONGKONG CHAFF.

By B. R.—B.



I always say damn

When I miss the Peak Tram—

That's all very well

Many say————!

## NAVAL RADIO PROTEST.

### OBJECTIONS ON BEHALF OF CABLE COMPANIES.

### SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

The British and the Danish consular authorities here have lodged a protest with the Chinese authorities aimed directly against the American consular and naval authorities for the maintenance of radio communication between Shanghai and Manila.

The protest alleges that the maintenance of an American radio station in the Consulate here infringes the monopolistic privileges of the communication which China granted many years ago to the so-called British Danish Cable Trust, which includes the ownership of the great Northern and Eastern Extension Cable companies and a majority of the control over the American registered Commercial Pacific Cable Company.

Owing to the cable rates between Shanghai and Manila, which are considerably higher than the cable rates across the Atlantic although the distance between Shanghai and Manila is only about 1,000 miles, the United States naval authorities recently established a radio station at the American Consulate for the purpose of sending the official service message. That station does not handle the commercial messages, hence the present protest is interpreted as an attempt of the British-Danish cable interests to force the United States to use the cables instead of the radio.

Though the protest is lodged with the Chinese authorities, it is not believed that the Chinese intend to interfere with the American station since they have already served a notice to the cable trust to the effect that the monopolistic contract is not renewable. The contract of the cable companies with the Chinese government is reported to expire in 1930, when the Chinese intend to open the field to American independent companies in order to land lines on the coasts of China.

The British-Danish cable interests are also said to be largely instrumental for the blocking of the private American radio interests from the erection of the stations on the Chinese soil in order to provide a direct communication between China and the United States with reasonable rates, especially those covering the press messages.

## HERE AND THERE.

### Cracker-Firing—Whose Polly?—A new Institution—Public Money.

[BY "ARGUS."]

The attention given to the problem of cracker-firing, which has been principally concerned with indiscriminate indulgence, has gone much further than was really prompted by any particular case, and appears to have encroached somewhat on the prerogatives of the young. The dreadful secret must be imparted that in my youth, led by the same inexplicable curiosity that induces one to play with fire, I had more than once attempted to light a cracker placed in a discarded cigarette tin, and observed, with a thrill, the effect of the experiment as the tin was lifted skyhigh by the force of the ensuing detonation. But that is neither here nor there. We are living in a strictly utilitarian age now, and the danger to traffic and pedestrians must be placed above all other considerations. Now that the cracker-firing controversy is over, and we have heard both sides of the question, a friend of mine who has all sorts of original ideas has come forward with what he believes to be a happy solution and a way out of the trouble which he believes will satisfy everybody concerned.

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He suggests that the authorities, in their benevolence, should set aside a special place in an open location, whither, on appointed days and at stated hours, all householders who are in convivial mood, and who can meet the cost, shall take their packages of fire-crackers and the same be fired off at a given signal so as to produce a big noise. Thus with the minimum of risk to life and limb, everyone would be given a share in the fun, and the evil spirits would get the scare of their lives. As a finishing touch to this scene of pandemonium, my friend also suggests that dare-devil motorists be permitted to circulate freely in the arena, the while these strings of crackers are being fired. Probably one experiment on these lines would be enough for everybody concerned!

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This week, the humdrum life led by the police in times of quietude has been somewhat relieved by an entertaining story concerning a missing parrot and its alleged discovery several months later at a bird-shop in the city. It appears that two European ladies claimed the bird as a former pet, which had either escaped or been stolen. Now, as one parrot is not much different in appearance from another, and as Polly in this case had not yet learned to articulate the few words which might have been helpful in proving ownership, the next stage had to be sought at the Police Station, where a Police Inspector was called upon to give judgment. It does not seem that the claim had progressed much after being brought thus far. Despite stout contention by one claimant that Polly, in effect, is an educated parrot, but that six months of "bad company" in the shop had wrought a change in behaviour and made her indifferent to all coaxing, there was no legal proof of ownership, and the bird was returned to the shopkeeper. During these proceedings, Polly acted as though demented, alternately whistling and squawking, the while she regarded all comers with a baneful eye and contorted herself into almost impossible knots in her cage.

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With "English spoken and American understood" as a slogan and an indication of its character, the local Union for Chinese Returned Students has been formed with an initial membership of about fifty. It is founded much on the same lines as similar Unions in Canton, Shanghai and elsewhere, and amongst its *raisons d'etre* are those of cultivating social, intellectual and athletic relations amongst the members. As a medium for the exchange of impressions of different countries and comparison with Far Eastern and Occidental conditions the Union is excellently conceived, and some really useful results should be achieved if the members confine themselves to the need for economic and social reforms in China. It is estimated that there are over a thousand students returned from Abroad resident in Hongkong, and it is proposed to induce as many of these as possible to become members of the Union. An estimate of the occupations proposed to be taken up, or which have been actually taken up by these returned students, shows that less than five per cent. are medical men, the remainder being absorbed in business, or callings which come under the heading of arts; with a few in one or two branches of "professional" life.

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It is apparent from the release of the two Treasury clerks who were originally detained in connexion with the case, that the authorities have yet to discover the culprits responsible for over two-and-a-half lakhs of public money having disappeared. Just now a magnificent reward amounting to $5,000 is being offered for information lead-

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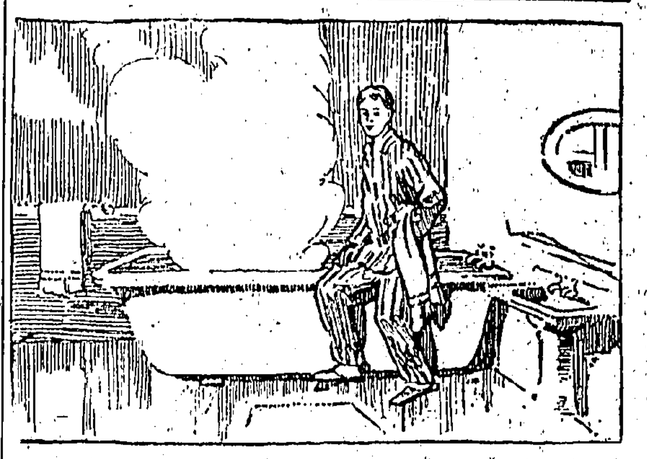

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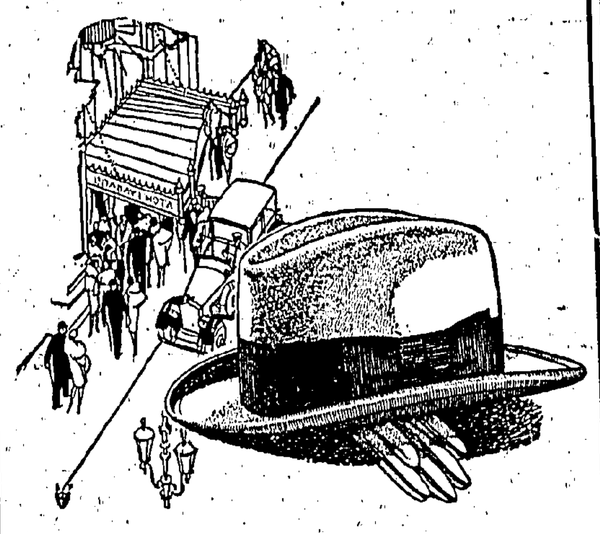

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## MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.

*(Continued from Page 1.)*

situation now, but not enough to do more than to pursue the Communist force, which is mobile and can easily get away back to Hai-Luk Fung. It is indeed reported to-day, but I have not yet had confirmation, that the troops have disarmed a few hundreds of them; at the same time it is said that Ho-pho, a place on the north-west of the Hai-Luk Fung district, where there are some twenty thousand refugees, is now threatened, if it has not been actually entered. It is at least probable that the Communist force may effect its retreat by completing the circle, and retiring by that route; in that case the plight of the unfortunate folk will be terrible.

**Villages in Terror.**

Reports agree that the regular soldiers among the Communists are free from the blood-lust that marks the local Hai-Luk Fung Soviet, and have done their best to restrain the indiscriminate killing. Every village lives, however, in terror of the peasant-Communists themselves.

Chan Ming-shui is reported to have accepted Li Chai-sum's invitation to Canton and to have left Swatow two days ago. The troops which have been sent against the Communists have gone in his name. They belong, however, it appears to several armies—some to his own 11th Army, some to Pei Chung-hsi's, some to the 32nd, and some possibly to the 7th.

Swatow remains under the Defence Commissioner appointed by General Chan. Some artillery belonging to the 32nd Army has been moved from Swatow, and a battery belonging to Pei Chung-hsi's Army has come into the port. A few days ago Brigadier Chen Chi-thang arrived back from the front, where his army suffered so severely.

**Swatow's Refugee Problem.**

No immediate danger to Swatow is anticipated, but refugees are coming in increasing numbers, and are likely to constitute a problem.

The newspapers announce to-day that they have resolved to denounce the agreement under which when the Communists were in Swatow they were compelled to sign with the Printers' Union, and that in future holidays will be restricted to certain definite commemoration days, and the extra money for barber's expenses will be discontinued. It remains to be seen whether the Union has to take it lying down or not. The papers have only been published on three days since the New Year, and on inquiry it was found that the management could not say how soon after the 15th they would be out till the Labour Unions had met to decide whether they would work or not. Evidently things have been working to a crisis. It is probable, too, that there is political significance in the matter, as at the same the Press Association announces that accurate reports are to be published not extenuating anything in the Communist campaign.

There are a number of wounded in the hospital of the English Presbyterian Mission, both civilians and soldiers, among the latter a number of officers.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

## HERE AND THERE.

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ing to the apprehension and conviction of the person, or persons, who, under bogus firm names, have been enabled (to parody the recent words of an eminent local Counsel) to operate to the detriment of the Treasury. The conduct of the culprits is, of course, most reprehensible, but in these days of difficulty in making money, one cannot help viewing as ingenious and clever the activities of a rogue or set of rogues which enabled them to put through a transaction of such dimensions to their own benefit. Incidentally, I cannot help thinking that, as public money was involved, the authorities should, long ere this, have issued some communique on the subject.

## LOCAL HOCKEY.

**CLUB TEAM AGAINST THE R.A.F.**

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in their Sim Shield match against the R.A.F., on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday:—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; L. M. S. Lloyd, J. E. Noronha, Gardner; G. B. Slipper, W. Woodward, F. G. Wheeler, B. W. Sampson, and T. Whitley. Reserve:—R. K. Valentine.

For committing perjury in connexion with evidence he previously gave in a gambling case, a Chinese was fined $50, or four weeks' hard labour, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

## MORE NANKING TENSION.

**TROOPS ENTER CUSTOMS RESIDENCE.**

**SCARED BY GUNBOAT.**

A recent arrival in Shanghai from Nanking who was present on February 1 when soldiers came into the residence of the Commissioner of Customs and attempted to use it for billetting troops affords an idea of conditions now existing in that port.

On the morning in question two Chinese soldiers entered the Commissioner's compound, in spite of a notice posted on the gateway giving military protection. These two were ordered away, but a short while after 30 more, accompanied by officers, appeared, some of whom entered the house, the remainder camping on the lawn in front of the house. No amount of explanation that military protection was given to the residence had any effect, and the mention of General Ho's name was heard with apparent unconcern, the informant said.

**Gunboat Notified.**

The Commissioner of Customs was not in the house when the latter group arrived, but returned shortly afterwards. As soon as he put in an appearance and saw that the soldiers had no intention of leaving, he telephoned to the British gunboat, about two miles away and accessible by telephone connexion. When the soldiers on the outside were informed of this fact they hastily decamped without more ado.

**Soldiers' Intention.**

As most of the foreign residences or buildings in Nanking have long ago surrendered window-panes and any woodwork which might be pressed into use for firewood, unpaid soldiers who must shift for themselves prefer to find quarters in less denuded surroundings.

It was the informant's opinion, therefore, that despite orders to the contrary, the Commissioner's house would have shared the same fate as some of the other houses in the immediate vicinity and been used as billets for the soldiers, had not communication been established with the gunboat.

The latest arrivals are described as truculent and worse than some of the other troops which have been seen in Nanking lately. Anti-foreign feeling is still rampant in Nanking, and a foreigner walking through the streets of the city is conscious of the animosity on all sides.

## RUBBER CONTROL ENQUIRY.

**COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SHORTLY.**

London, Feb. 10.

The committee of civil research to enquire into the rubber export restrictions will not begin its work for three weeks. The constitution of the committee of which Lord Balfour, as Lord President of the Council, is chairman, varies with every enquiry. A Minister usually presides in the absence of Lord Balfour but the other members are mostly government servants and outside representatives.

The personnel of the committee will include businessmen, and experts among the growers. Merchants will be invited to give evidence. The committee will submit its report to the Cabinet. It is not at present possible to say if it will be published.—*Reuter.*

**Mr. Ormsby-Gore to Investigate.**

London, Feb. 10.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore will shortly visit the Malay States to investigate the effect of the rubber export restrictions and other problems.—*Reuter.*

## CHESS.

Four games were played on Thursday night and last night in the tournament for the Championship of the Colony which is being conducted by the Kowloon Chess Club, C. Chon who up till Thursday had won all his matches succumbed to H. W. Randall who now shares top place in the tournament with Chon, with three points in four games.

On Thursday Randall beat Chon while A. W. Hawker won against J. S. Smith. Yesterday evening Randall won his third game against S. G. Kumble and C. E. Wong beat J. C. Fners.

Both Chon and Randall have played four games and lead with a total of three points. S. L. Husain who only played three matches is half a point behind with Sir Henry Pollock third with full points for two games. C. M. Sequeira, the holder for 1926 and 1927, is sixth with one and a half points out of a possible two.

Whilst travelling in an easterly direction, yesterday, Police Launch No 5 collided with the "Evening Star," a ferry boat which was drawing away from the Wharf on this side of the harbour. Some damage to the police launch was caused.

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## FEATHER JACKETS.

### VIVID HUED PLUMES IN LAYERS.

Little feathered jackets for evening wear are fashion's latest novelty, and are one of the most intriguing dress details invented.

At a recent new year dance a girl wearing a picture frock of blue tulle with a "longer at the back" skirt mounted over deeper blue silk, wore a fascinating little coat of kingfisher blue feathers edged with fluffy marabout.

The coat was sleeveless and curled upwards delightfully on the hips, looking very feminine and giving a suggestion that a beautiful bird had fluttered into the ballroom and wrapped itself about the dainty wearer.

Many sorts of feathers can be used for making these little jackets, from the long fronded ostrich to the small smooth fowl's plumage.

Small feathers in scintillating or glowing colours, arranged closely one above the other exactly as they appear on the bird's back, are specially suitable for the new coats.

They are usually lined with rich brocade or figured silk and are shaped closely to the figure.

### Staccato.

Conversationally, you must be staccato. Short sentences full of of "arresting" facts or fancies are popular. Arresting is an adjective coming into favour. If you have never read your "Pickwick Papers" —lots of the younger generation haven't—get a copy and look up some of the conversations of Jingle! They are the style you must cultivate.

Diamante spins a gleaming spider's web for decoration on a flesh moire envelope purse for evening. A diamante handle adds allure.

## VERY DAINTY.

*A luxuriously flounced dance frock, of gold metal cloth and gold lace.*

## FASHION PHASES.

### TAFFETAS AND SATINS.

When taffetas was cautiously urged as a tentative medium for the flaring silhouettes that swept all before it in fashion, there were few who accorded it a hearty welcome. Things are different now, however. It has been demonstrated that the new flair for great elaboration, gathers and folds of fabrics, finds no more lovely expression than taffetas. We find it now not only in the "period" frock or robe-de-style, but in chic afternoon models and in two-piece practical dresses.

Many windows on the grands boulevards are given over entirely to taffetas displays. One shop chooses navy blue as the colour, and features taffetas in this colour in combination with georgette in frocks for older women. Another shop selects black for afternoon wear, trimming it with white and beige lingerie touches, and another window selects a practical morning phase, showing charming little two-piece dresses, combining plaid taffetas with a plain pleated skirt, the latter trimmed with the plaid.

Satins are still popular, and are followed by georgette and velvet combinations in the smarter styles. Crepe-satins, Canton-crepes, and flat crepes are among the new season's favoured materials.

Yokes simulating a dropping shoulder-line and yokes effected by means of sun-burst tucking, or by rows of stitching, form an interesting phase of the fashions.

### "Squares" for Men.

Men's fashions change so slightly that the new vogue for "squares" is emphasised. Stripes have had their day.

For pyjamas and dressing gowns, broad plaids are used.

One dressing gown of flannel is woven in squares four inches in dimension. The colours are jade green, peach and cream, and a very fine combination it is.

*Miss Dorothy Francis of Boston, who in a new America Company is shortly to make her debut in Grand Opera, in New York.*

### The Right Ceiling.

The pleasing aspect of a colour ceiling has been well-proved, and housewives whose homes are being re-decorated are introducing colour where it has never been attempted before. The ceiling which is a shade paler than the walls, gives a good effect; cream is also favoured, whatever the scheme in the room. So strong is this popularity for pastel tones, that when a white ceiling was seen in a carefully-decorated house the other day in direct contrast to the ebony floor, it was considered sharp, and not nearly so restful as the other rooms whose ceilings were shaded.

## KEEPING FIT.

### WISE WORDS TO THE MIDDLE-AGED.

"Middle age should be a time of health, happiness and prosperity, but without the first the second and third are very difficult to achieve.... Middle age is also a time when it is for the majority more and more difficult to live healthily, nevertheless, it is a time when strict attention to the rules of keeping fit brings a greater reward than at any other of man's seven stages... those in middle life owe it to their immediate circle, and especially to their dependents, to make a reasonable fitness one of their most constant aims. Not necessarily fitness for a hard outdoor life—that is comparatively easy—but for carrying on the daily routine of a sedentary life without a lamentably early failure of life's powers."

### The Fifth Decade.

These wise words to the middle-aged are quoted from "On Middle Age and Keeping Young," by E. L. Hopewell. Ash, M.D. (Mills and Boon, 3s. 6d.). "The forties are important," he reminds us, "because it is in the fifth decade that early processes of decay begin to manifest themselves; it is in the years between 40 and 50 that the fires of life may be stoked anew, and that the clock is to be set back if it is ever to be. The fifties are important in that the breaking-point is so often reached between 50 and 60; the healthy sexagenarian has turned one of the most dangerous corners in life's race, and may well look forward to many years of fitness and a ripe old age."

### Signs and Safeguards.

The signs of disturbed balance in health in the late forties are indigestion, impaired circulation and sleeplessness. Attention to the general health is the chief safeguard against these evils. "The sequence of tired man, tired digestion is simple enough for ready observation, and itself calls for commonsense modifications of life and habit." In an interesting chapter on "Auto-Intoxication," the author observes that this may be avoided by exercise, being out of doors, sunlight, a good mixed diet, plenty of fluid to drink, and peace of mind.

### A King's Earring.

King Charles I. started the fashion of wearing a single earring. The Van Dyck triplicate portrait was flashed on the screen, and the speaker told how this jewel was worn on the scaffold. It is now preserved as an important relic at Welbeck Abbey, the seat of the Duke of Portland.

## SMART & UNUSUAL.

*A dress of wool crepe de chine—green—banded with a darker shade. The skirt consists of two kinds of pleats, broad and narrow, while the bodice portion, even to the sleeves, have pintucks at intervals of about one inch.*

# OVER THE TEA CUPS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BY "JOAN")

London, Dec. 29.

At the first glance you naturally think the dress drawn here by Stephanie is made of striped material. This, however, is not the case, but owing to the limitations of black-and-white, the lines are used to portray tucks—and still more tucks. The skirt consists of two kinds of pleats, broad and narrow, while the bodice portion, even unto the sleeves, has pintucks at intervals of about one inch. The model was in woolcrepe de chine—green—banded with a darker shade. The shoulder bow is, as you will know now, a fashionable touch.

### Vanity Street.

Madeleine has sketched for us this week an exclusive Paris model giving another variety of that garment of which I thought there could be no more varieties—I refer to the jumper. These are her words: "A very smart jumper made of golden brown satin, with a deep and novel turned up hem. The cuffs are also original and smart, and the narrow belt is completed by an amber buckle." You will note one thing to which Madeleine does not refer —the height of the pockets. Only a slender figure could "take" pockets placed in such a position, and it would have to be a very slender figure at that. Needless to say, the pockets could be omitted altogether without the jumper losing its *chic* note.

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I hope you managed to acquire in the form of Christmas presents some of the very attractive jewellery which is now being worn by fashionable women. I refer of course to the semi-precious stones, such as amber, crystal, coral, jade, and turquoise—to mention only a few—which are being used for the manufacture of delightful ear-rings, pendants, necklaces, buckles for shoes, rings, bracelets, and what-not. Take, for instance, the lady in the picture. Most certainly her jumper buckle is matched by a necklet of amber and her ear-rings and single-stone ring are *en suite*. As this form of jewellery is not cheap there is no likelihood of its becoming too common; and it is a very charming fashion, particularly where the clothes are plain and well-cut. I have seen some marvellous pendants—gargantuan affairs—which are worn by smart women, strung on black watered silk ribbon.

### Is That So?

Except for a bit of broadcasting, Andre Charlot, whom our artist has drawn this week, has been out of the limelight for almost a year; but it is certain that he is not idle, and that we may expect him to spring a theatrical surprise on us before long. It was Andre Charlot who gave us the series of Charlot Revues which filled the Prince of Wales Theatre for months on end, and incidentally discovered much new talent. When I last spoke to Charlot he was scouring the English

provinces for revue girls, being a great believer in giving the right people a chance, and confident that there is much undiscovered and undeveloped talent in our provincial towns. He also held a series of auditions on Sundays in London in order to give business girls a chance to try their luck. Naturally he didn't get away with these revolutionary ideas without opposition from members of the profession, and Sir Frank Benson asked: Why introduce new people into an overcrowded business and give them hope where there was none? Andre Charlot replied, in effect, that it was time we had some new blood in the theatre and that some of the old hangers-on "packed up." It was quite a lively warfare while it lasted, but it didn't materially upset the scheme of things.

Our Christmas shows are now in full swing, and another addition is the good old favourite, "The Private Secretary." This has superseded "The Letter" which Miss Gladys Cooper has withdrawn at long last from the Playhouse, and I believe she intends to go on tour with it. It is one of Somerset Maugham's successes, and any tour of it would be more like a triumphal progress, especially if Miss Cooper makes what is termed in the profession a "personal appearance"—though I never could understand the phrase, for people either appear or they do not! "When Knights Were Bold" is another old favourite which is being put on at the Savoy Theatre.

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### The Street of Adventure.

I have been reading and enjoying a novel called "Josie Vine" by M. F. Perham (Hutchinson). In parts this story approximates "The Mill on the Floss," for it has an attachment between a brother and sister which is beautiful without being in the least mawkish. It also has a family which, in the masterly self-concentration displayed by every individual member thereof, reminds one vaguely of the Sangers in "The Constant Nymph"—but only vaguely, because somehow or other the author doesn't bother to keep that aspect of it going. Instead, she centres her story on the brother and sister in London, on the one hand, and upon a scintillating, pseudo intelligent, dominating icicle of a woman of the kind which fascinated the unattached men home on leave during the War, on the other. In the ordinary way, I throw a novel down these days whenever we get to a chapter which begins something like this: "Then came 1914 with the rattle of drums and the clash of sabres . . ." but something in "Josie Vine" made me decide to stick it out to the last chapter, and I'm glad I did. If one had any doubt as to whether "M. F. Perham" is a man or woman, her sex would be revealed by the way she seems to enjoy rubbing in the agony. Why harrow our feelings by letting Josie take "Jesser" (her faithful mongrel dog and equally beloved of her dear brother) to the lethal chamber because someone disliked him? And why the end?

## THE BORED CHILD.

[By Walter M. Gallichan.]

When I asked Muriel, aged eleven, if she had enjoyed the children's party she answered: "No, not a bit."

"Why not?" I asked.

She was offended because the hostess had engaged a clown to amuse the children. "He was so silly!" she commented. Evidently her intelligence had been affronted by the puerile antics of the unfortunate clown.

Many children of to-day become grown-up prematurely. They are difficult to amuse. They look on in acute boredom while their elders play at musical chairs with a passionate zest. When grandpapa lets himself go in "Here we go round the mulberry bush" the young folk gaze at him with compassion. "Poor old man! How can he be so silly?"

After the age of twelve a large number of modern children revolt from nursery games and refrain from romping. They become intensely self-conscious and appear to despise fun. They dance with a defiant seriousness on their faces. They do not wish to exhibit a longing for enjoyment, and they scorn those among their companions who delight in uproarious mirth. Such "silliness" makes them blush for their friends.

We used to play more heartily when I was a child. We were also susceptible to excitement. For weeks before Christmas we tingled with expectancy. We had very few mechanical toys, no gramophones, no loud-speakers, no professional entertainers. But we played, and we had more imagination in our games than is shown by the children of to-day. The other day, when a boy of nine was playing with a kitten, his sister of twelve remarked: "You baby!"

These terribly old, bored children are, to put it paradoxically, still too young to recognise the inestimable value of occasional silliness. As our elders used to say; "They have too many treats."

### Glittering Frocks.

You must glitter nowadays. All the smartest women in London seem to be wearing shining frocks. All the new fancy dresses are made of coloured American cloth—unfortunately, when it gets warm it is a trifle odorous—and frocks woven of tiny, unbelievably small, beads are popular. Some of them are diamond patterned in silver and black. The Duchess of York's newest frock is of the palest possible gold lame, with a deep bright gold lace yoke and vandykes of the lace in the skirt.

## THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

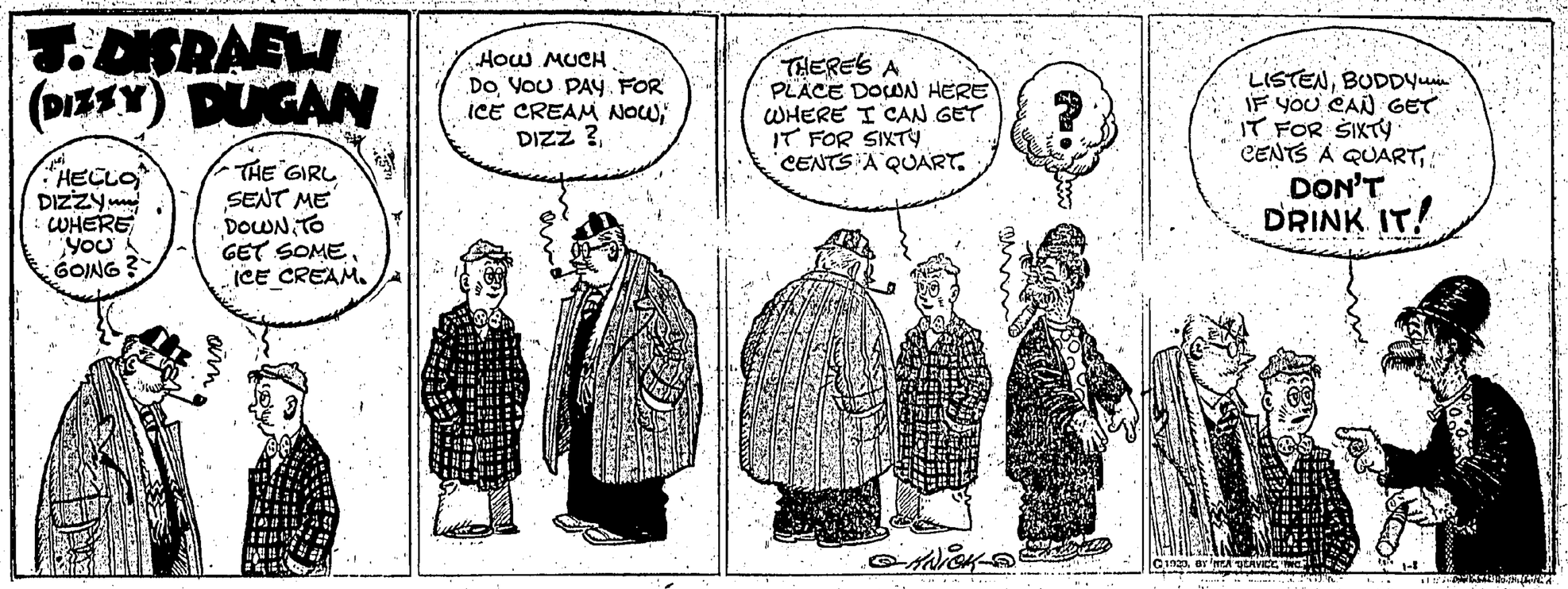
### ORANGE CAKE.

Beat 2oz. of butter and 4oz. of caster sugar to a cream, add 2 eggs, one by one, and the grated rind of an orange. Stir in ½lb. of flour sieved with a good teaspoonful of baking powder and a pinch of salt alternately with the strained orange juice and a gill or more of milk. Put the mixture into two sandwich tins, and bake in a moderate oven about 15 minutes, or until firm when pressed. Cool on a sieve, and when cold spread one cake with whipped cream, sweetened and flavoured with orange essence. Cover this with orange sections from which all the white pith has been carefully removed, the pips being gently squeezed through a small hole in the centre of each section. Press the second cake on the top, and cover this with more whipped cream and oranges.

A deep rose velvet hat with a flaring, octagonal shaped brim, has a long, uncurled ostrich feather under the back and side brim.

## SOMETHING NEW.

*A very smart jumper made of golden brown, with a deep and novel turned up hem. The cuffs are also original and the narrow belt is completed by an amber buckle.*

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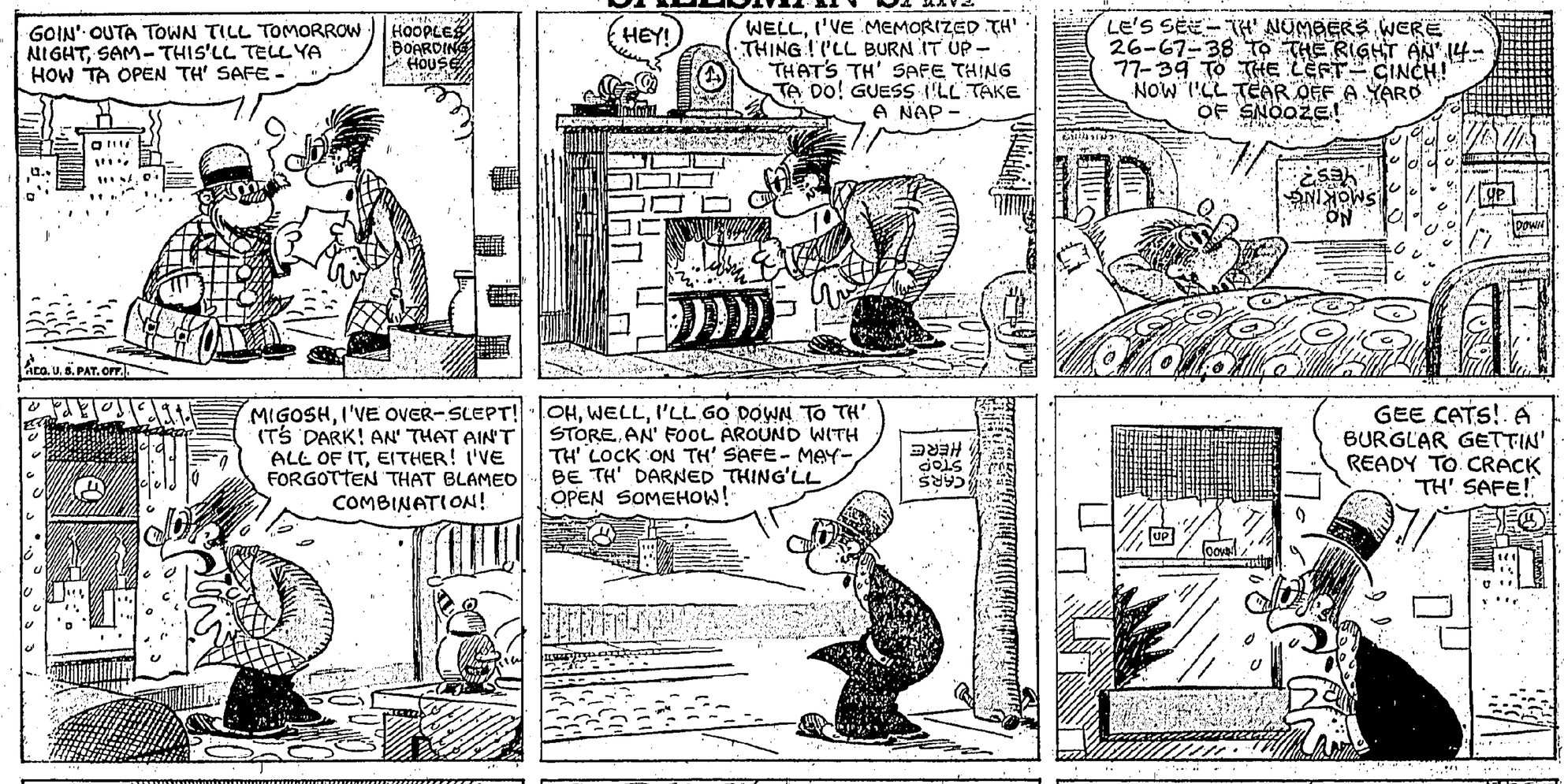


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# THE VANISHING VENGEANCE

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## CHAPTER X.

Through the heavy veils of drowsiness Joyce was bewildered. She stirred, her will came into play. She was conscious of a terrible languor, of nausea, of a vile taste in her mouth. She felt ill—ill! She fought against it.

"Shiss!" came softly from Otto. Some one moved towards her, a hand passed in front of her face; there was a pungent, stinging odour in her nostrils. Through her lashes she saw Otto's hand waving a little phial under her nose. The nausea passed from her, the vile taste left her mouth. She coughed and sat upright . . .

Otto, already back with the others, looked round, as though it had been her cough that drew his attention.

"Awake, my dear?" he said kindly, cheerfully. "You went right off . . . The poor child was tired out with the strain," he explained to the others. He saw her eyes go to the clock . . . It was one o'clock.

"Yes, my dear," he smiled, "you slept all through the inquest. It is over—I hadn't the heart to wake you."

He hadn't the heart! . . . Suddenly Joyce was in a horror of fear of this man. The cold unscrupulousness of him terrified her. She knew she had not been to sleep . . . She had been drugged. Drugged! Otto Rigg had meant to take no chance of her speaking out at the inquest. He had seen to it that she did not attend.

Before she could get over the shock of knowledge; before she could formulate any thoughts about this extraordinary act that opened up all her doubts once more; before she could decide why Otto had drugged and silenced her in view of the inquest, when he had apparently taken her into his confidence yesterday, the next step in this bewildering drama took place.

A middle-aged man of dry and dejected appearance was shown into Otto Rigg's study. He explained that he had come down on the Seward Gamlin Gift business.

"Pressman?" asked Otto, affable at once.

"No," answered the man, in a colourless voice. "I am a representative of the Public Trustee. My name is Dudley."

Otto Rigg said he was delighted to meet Mr. Dudley, and anxious to be of service to him—but his manner was at once less affable and certainly defensive.

Mr. Dudley, in a manner that seemed listless and uninterested, asked, very much as the young newspaper man had asked yesterday, if Otto Rigg or any of the gentlemen here could throw any light on this matter of the gift to the shareholders of Consolidated Exploitations.

"I can tell you no more than I told the Press yesterday," said Otto, "and that is that poor Seward Gamlin always expressed his intention of leaving his money to the sufferers of our old company, and he apparently carried out his intention."

"That is the only explanation you think of?" said the listless Mr. Dudley.

Otto stated as though puzzled: "I can't conceive of any other." He pretended to be startled. "Can you, sir?"

"Oh, I was just asking, that's all," said the uninterested man; and Joyce, who was almost praying that he would ask searching questions, wondered with disgust how it was that such a hopeless and brainless creature had been sent on such an errand as this. "We want to go into things, naturally," he went on. "So you feel that there was nothing unexpected about the late Mr. Gamlin's gift?"

"Nothing at all," said Otto, smiling a little.

"It was what we all expected," said Hugo eagerly. "Though we imagined he would make the provision in his will."

"Ah, yes," said the listless Mr. Dudley. "Naturally—in his will. What about his will?"

"We haven't found that yet," said Otto quickly, and Joyce gasped. She remembered how they had found that will—burnt.

"I see," said the brainless Mr. Dudley, and then he seemed to search about in his mind for the next question. "You haven't looked among his papers, you mean?"

Otto smiled again at the dullness of the man. He had already made up his mind that there was no danger here.

"Oh, no, we did not say that, Mr. Dudley. As a matter of fact, Mr. Shanly here did look through the papers. Poor Gamlin had given us to understand that Mr. Shanly and I were his trustees."

Mr. Dudley turned a lack-lustre eye on Hugo Shanly; one could almost hear him saying to himself: "Now I wonder what question I ought to ask next." He was a monument of tired incompetence.

"Oh, you looked through the papers, Mr. Shanly," he said. "Quite all right, of course, save for the absence of the will."

"Oh, quite all right," said Hugo, almost jeering at the fool.

"Does that mean that the 19— diaries and papers were *not* missing when you looked through those papers, Mr. Shanly?" Mr. Dudley said in his dreariest tone.

Joyce looked at him quickly as she saw the jerk of surprise and dismay that went through Otto and his companions. Mr. Dudley was, after all, a little startling. There was a method in his listlessness. He had trapped them very neatly into betraying their knowledge that those papers were missing, and though his eyes regarded them with an apparently dull lack of interest Joyce suddenly realised that Mr. Dudley did not miss much.

Otto and his companions realised it too, a trifle too late. Otto said quickly, and suavely:

"What is this, Mr. Dudley? Are you telling us that certain of Gamlin's papers are missing?"

"When I examined them a short while ago quite a lot were missing. But perhaps Mr. Shanly took them away with him."

"No," cried Hugo. "No, I removed none."

"Then," said Mr. Dudley wearily, "since they weren't missing when Mr. Shanly looked through the papers they must have been taken since. Am I to understand that?"

"I spoke in general terms," cried Hugo excitedly. "My poor friend only died yesterday, remember. I have scarcely had time for a close examination."

"I see," said Mr. Dudley blankly. "You just ran rapidly through."

"Quite so."

"And you jumped the whole of 19—, not noticing whether all the papers of that year were gone—or there?"

"Apparently," snapped Hugo, twitching in every pallid feature.

"And yet the year 19—, the year of the bankruptcy, must have had some significance to you as an ex-director of Consolidated Exploitations, I suppose," said Mr. Dudley.

"I tell you I didn't give it any particular attention, sir," cried Hugo frantically. "My dear friend was just dead in a most horrible way. I wasn't in a state to notice anything . . . ."

Otto broke in to save the strain—"And why should he, Mr. Dudley? Really the trend of your questioning is rather extraordinary."

"Oh," said Mr. Dudley, faintly surprised. "Is it? I only wanted to find out if the papers had been stolen, and when."

The listless way he let the words out gave them the effect of an exploding bomb. For all his cold impassivity Otto Rigg was taken aback.

"Stolen!" he cried. "Why should you say such a thing?"

"Because—well, it's rather queer, isn't it? . . . They're gone, and"—he looked listlessly from Otto to Hugo—"have either of you, or any one, had a look at Henry Maker's papers?"

"Henry Maker!" cried Otto. "Why Henry Maker—what about Henry Maker?"

The listless Dr. Dudley did show a spark of surprise. He looked from one to the other.

"But surely you know Henry Maker has left Greenhayle?"

Hugo was on his feet in panic.

"Maker gone!" he cried. "Maker bolted!"

Otto cried in a loud voice, to drown Hugo: "Maker gone? Absurd! He was here yesterday. He said nothing about it."

"He appears to have left like that," said Mr. Dudley deliberately. "He told no one, and left in a hurry. His servants heard him driving off last night in a car—furiously. Perhaps Mr. Shanly's expression fitted the case—'bolted,' you said, Mr. Shanly. Now I wonder why he bolted?"

Otto Rigg pulled himself together. He stared coldly at the listless man. He said frigidly:

"I don't understand what you are driving at, sir. What is behind this curious manner of yours? And why, might I ask, do you show this peculiar interest in Mr. Maker? Why should you go to his house at all? Why, above all things, should you couple Mr. Maker with the late Mr. Gamlin?"

"Because," said Mr. Dudley—"because Maker's papers show the same curious blank. Everything connected with the year 19— has gone too."

Otto stared for a full minute. Then he burst out: "You've been examining his papers—you! In heaven's name why should you do that?"

"Oh, I thought I could exercise my powers—in view of the absence of Mr. Maker, and other circumstances."

"Other circumstances—what other circumstances?"

"The circumstances that connect his case so strangely with that of Mr. Gamlin. Before Mr. Maker went he did exactly the same thing that Seward Gamlin did before he died. He sent the bulk of his fortune to the Public Trustee for the benefit of the sufferers in the Consolidated Explorations smash. Queer, isn't it? Two ex-directors make gifts. We inquire: something extraordinary has happened to both directors at the moment they made that gift. One committed suicide, one bolted. Why?"

*(To be continued.)*

## LATEST FIND AT LUXOR.

### TUTANKHAMEN'S CANOPIC JAR.

Luxor, Jan. 3.

The latest find of Mr. Howard Carter, who resumed operations at Tutankhamen's tomb in October, is a wonderful canopic jar containing the King's viscera.

This jar is of beautifully carved alabaster, and is unique. It was discovered in the inner chamber.

Many other articles were found, chiefly statues of the King and gods.

In December Mr. Howard Carter completed his examination of the last room, or ante-chamber, containing many baskets of nuts and various grains. A large number of alabaster vases have been removed from the tomb to the workshop for repairs and eventual despatch to Cairo Museum.

The Chamber also contains a quantity of furniture. The articles found in the ante-chamber are not so valuable, apart from the canopic jar, as those discovered in the other rooms.

It is announced that the tomb of Tutankhamen will be open to visitors from January 16 for three days a week.

Tutankhamen ascended the Egyptian throne about 1358 B.C. The late Earl of Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter opened his burial-chamber on Feb. 17, 1923, and unearthed among other priceless treasures the gilded shrine, the silver trumpet, alabaster lamps, seven cars of the King's boat, and a number of wine jars. The quartzite sarcophangus was reached on January 4, 1924. Later the mummy itself was revealed in a solid gold coffin, but it was in bad condition.

It was the custom of the Egyptians to remove the viscera from the body before embalming it and to place them in a vase called a canopic jar.

## WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

### MAN WHO FAILED TO COME BACK.

### SCORES BIG SUCCESS.

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 30.

The man who failed has come back. He is Josef von Sternberg.

Von Sternberg, who a few years back was known as plain Joe Sternberg, has more pictures on the shelves of film studios than any other person in the cinema village. And yet, despite his almost consistent "flops," he has seldom been without a job—that is since he tacked some extra letters on his name.

Some years ago, von Sternberg made "The Salvation Hunters" for Charlie Chaplin. The picture was a sensation. But he couldn't repeat. First one studio and then another gave him a chance, hoping that he would "come through" again. He didn't—his films were terrible, in most cases too bad to be released.

### Chaplin Sticks.

Just about the time everyone around the celluloid hamlet was beginning to agree that von was through and would never be able to do anything else, Chaplin signed him to direct another film starring Edna Purviance. Chaplin was the only man whose faith remained unshaken but even at that he couldn't let the picture go out—it was too bad.

Chaplin's act in shelving von Sternberg's production was the final blow. The director quietly faded from sight. But he couldn't be kept down. Maybe it's because he carries a cane and wears all of his clothes about three sizes too large. Hollywood loves that sort of stuff—regards it as a mark of genius.

Anyway, von Sternberg bobbed up again, as the director of "Underworld," Ben Hecht's story of Chicago gunmen. Practically every newspaper writer in Hollywood "panned" B. P. Schulberg for signing him. The act was regarded as just a waste of a few hundred thousand dollars and one of the best stories ever written.

### All Wrong Again.

The scriveners were wrong. "Underworld" is one of the "best ten" released so far this year. Naturally Schulberg is gloating. Few know of the battles he had with studio executives before he could convice them that von Sternberg should be signed. Now they're all trying to grab a portion of the glory that belongs entirely to "B.P."—the man who played a hunch.

Because of the tremendous success of "Underworld," von was assigned the almost impossible task of cutting Erich von Stroheim's "The Wedding March." He held that job only a few weeks, the noted German director patching up his quarrels with studio officials and returning to the cutting room himself.

Von Sternberg is now directing Emil Jannings in his new production, as yet untitled. And all Hollywood is talking of his great directorial ability. They're like that out here—forgetting very quickly.

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## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Cairo, Feb. 10.

Bert Hinkler has reached Tobrouk and will continue to-day outside the Egyptian three mile limit to Palestine or Irak.—*Reuter.*

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## OBITUARY.

### FAMOUS COMEDIAN OF VICTORIAN AGE.

London, Feb. 10.

The death is reported of Little Tich, the famous comedian.—*Reuter.*

Little Tich was, during his time, one of the most famous of British comedians. A dwarf and somewhat deformed, but a man of no little intelligence, he succeeded in amusing immense audiences, who flocked to see and hear him wherever he appeared all over the country. He had a wit rarely met with in these days and at times a biting sarcasm when touching popular topics of the day in his stage patter. He was just such a man who would have made an ideal court jester in the days of long ago. As a dancer he was also very clever and was noted for his way of making up, and his extraordinary large and long boots which almost swallowed him up. He retired from the stage about ten years ago.

## POLICE METHODS.

### REPLY TO A SOLICITOR'S CRITICISMS.

Arising from the case heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court on Thursday, in which the Police unsuccessfully proceeded on a summons against the proprietor of the Nanking Hotel for allegedly allowing the premises to be used for an immoral purpose, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, appeared before the same Magistrate yesterday afternoon to make a statement.

In that summons, which was dismissed, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, for the defence, condemned the character of the police trap, which was operated with the use of decoys. In his statement in reference to this, Mr. King yesterday said:

With your Worship's permission, I should like to refer to the case which was in this Court yesterday and in which the Nanking Boarding House was prosecuted.

"The solicitor for the defence made certain remarks in regard to the conduct of the Police, and I only wish to make it quite plain that the action of the Police was due not only to complaints but also to instructions from our authorities."

Continuing, Mr. King said that on the question of traps, the most expedient measure was that which must be taken, and that which was taken in the case was more expedient than any other. "But in any case, I want to make it quite clear that the police were not acting from caprice, but from information received."

His Worship: I think it is quite clear, from remarks that I have made, that there was no doubt in my mind that you had such advance information.

Mr. King: The C.S.P. is quite satisfied that your Worship yourself is clear on the point. From the Press notice of the case, the C.S.P. wants to make it quite plain.

## CAPITAL REDUCED.

### LANE, CRAWFORD'S FINANCES.

In the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, the question of the goodwill of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., arose when his Lordship said he thought it was rather extraordinary that such a business "had no goodwill." Mr. H. G. Sheldon had stated that such was the view of a firm of chartered accounts.

The matter arose when Mr. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson of Messrs. Deacons, applied to his Lordship on behalf of the Company for confirmation by the court of a special resolution passed at extraordinary general meetings for a reduction of capital from $1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of $10 each, to $900,000 divided into 150,000 shares of $6 each.

Mr. Sheldon stated that the Company was incorporated in 1922 under the Companies' Ordinance. After referring to the objects of the Company, Mr. Sheldon continued, that the capital was $1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of $10 each. The Company had issued 125,000 shares and the sum of $10 per share had been paid on them.

**The Resolution.**

At extraordinary general meetings of the Company held on January 16 and 31, the following special resolution was approved:

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from $1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of $10 each to $900,000, divided into 150,000 shares of $6 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of $4 per share upon each of the 125,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing in the nominal amount of all shares the Company's capital from $10 to $6 per share."

Continuing, Mr. Sheldon explained that previous to the passing of that special resolution the paid up capital to the extent of $500,000 and upwards had been lost or was unrepresented by available assets.

The former minute proposed to be registered was that the capital of Lane Crawford Limited (and reduced) henceforth should be $900,000 divided into 150,000 shares (of which $125,000 had been issued) of $6 each instead of the original capital of $1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of $10 each. At the time of the registration of that minute the sum of $6 had been paid and was to be deemed paid up on each of the shares.

The following items shown in the balance sheet as assets had depreciated or could not now be called available or realisable assets.—Goodwill, fixtures and fittings, investments, and the balance of the profit and loss account. The extent of that depreciation was.—Goodwill $100,000, fixtures and fittings $65,000, investments $324,023.51, and profit and loss account $63,430.84, making a total loss in all of $552,454.35.

**Half a Million Lost.**

Deducting those amounts from the totals shown on the asset side of the balance sheet there were left assets to the total value of $1,151,796.79. For all practical purposes the liabilities shown on the balance sheet as $454,251.14 remained the same. On deducting the amount of the liabilities from the amount of the depreciated assets it appeared that the surplus amounted to $697,545.65. The paid up capital of the Company was $1,250,000. The sum of $500,000 had been lost or was not represented by available assets.

The circumstances responsible for the loss were depreciation of the investments held by the Company, loss on re-valuation of fixtures, fittings, and floating assets, and loss on the Company's profit and loss account.

The directors considered that $500,000 was a permanent deficiency and ought to be written off and cancelled.

**No Goodwill.**

Referring to the question of goodwill his Lordship said he was rather struck with the fact that the whole goodwill of the business had gone.

Mr. Sheldon said he was instructed that that was so.

His Lordship asked, supposing they were going to sell the business and stock, would not the goodwill of the business be worth anything?

Mr. Sheldon said that a firm of chartered accountants had stated that the marketable value could not at present be calculated, and entered into the books.

His Lordship: It seems to me to be rather extraordinary that a business like Lane Crawford's has no goodwill.

Mr. Sheldon: That is the experts' view.

His Lordship: Yes, far be it from me to question the experts' view, but it strikes me as rather curious.

Mr. Sheldon put in other affidavits bearing on the application.

His Lordship granted the application.

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# "REDS" ARRESTED.

## FIFTY-FOUR DETAINED BY POLICE.

More than ten places in Shaukiwan, Shumshuipo, West Point and Wanchai were raided by the Police early yesterday morning, resulting in no less than fifty-four "Red" suspects being detained. In one of the houses red clothing and a small quantity of ammunition were found.

These raids at the alleged communist rendezvous were conducted by the Police following the receipt of information that a number of refugees had arrived in the Colony recently from Hoifung and Lukfung, the two "Red" controlled districts on the East River, and that among these refugees there were Detectives visited No 252, second several communists.

By far the biggest number of houses were visited by the Police in Saiwanho, Shaukiwan. floor, Main Street, Saiwanho and found seven men in the house, all of whom said they had come recently from Hoifung. All the seven were detained.

At No. 291, first floor, same street, the premises was also searched, and out of the 12 men on the premises 10 were taken into custody. At No. 293, several yards of red cloth and a small quantity of ammunition were found and 14 suspects arrested. At No. 3, Tai Shek Street, in the same district, three men were detained, while in No. 86, same street, three of the six persons on the premises were detained.

Three other houses were also raided by the Police in Tai Fook Street, Saiwanho, but no arrests were made.

Jewellery and a large number of pawn tickets were discovered in No. 56, Nam Cheong Street, Shumshuipo, five suspects arrested.

Meanwhile another party of Police visited a house in First Street in West Point, but no arrests were made.

# LAW SOCIETY'S ACTION.

*(Continued from Page 2.)*

would be to say that the Hongkong law is going to make any debt collecting association illegal because it may infringe on the work of solicitors.

Mr. Blake: I cannot agree.

His Worship: If they use the words "client" and "take proceedings" then they are not necessarily pretending to be solicitors.

Mr. Blake: The usual form of letter that is written by non-professional men is to say that unless the debt is paid the matter would be handed to solicitors to take proceedings or "I will take proceedings."

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid I am against you, but I am prepared to give the matter further consideration. I don't see how you can get round that case of Leaf (Law Society v Leaf.)

The Magistrate then indicated that he would adjourn the case to go through later volumes to see if he could find further parallels.

Mr. Dobbie (who was a witness): May I be allowed to interject one word?

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid I cannot hear you. You are a witness and you are finished.

The case was then adjourned until noon on Thursday, his Worship adding that it was a matter, he thought, of considerable importance both to the Law Society and to the defendant. He would have to give a considered judgment.

Mr. Blake asked if he might send references to his Worship, to which the Magistrate replied that he would be obliged if Mr. Blake would do so.

# XMAS GIFTS FUND.

## GENEROUS RESPONSE TO V.D.A. APPEAL.

In November an appeal was made through the Press for donations towards the Xmas Gift Fund of the Victoria Diocesan Association and, in addition, personal appeals were sent out, to which there was a very generous response, a total of $511 and several gifts of toys being received.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Secretary of the V.D.A., sends the following list of institutions which were helped:

Blind Home, Kowloon City, gifts for 51 blind inmates; C.M.S. Vernacular Day School, gifts for 1,002 children; Nethersole Hospital, 30 juvenile patients and 100 adult patients; Government Civil Hospital, adult and juvenile patients; Causeway Bay School, 200 children.

Canton.—Piu Tat Women's School, 24 women students; Tat Fong School, 42 children; Yeung Ling School, 40 children; Church of Our Saviour Sunday School, 40 children; St. Hilda's, 87 children; two day schools, 84 children.

Shiu Hing.—Shung Tak School, 77 children; Boys' School, 34 children.

Tai Leung.—St. Thomas' School, 30 children.

Pakhoi.—Pakhoi School, 120 children; Lim Chow, 70 children; Shek Long, 36 children; Cheung Lok, 44 children; Leng Shaan, 30 children; C.M.S. Hospital, juvenile and adult patients.

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Mrs. Wolfe writes:

The thanks of the Committee are due to Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co., for the packing cases, also to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. for shipping the goods free of charge. Thanks are also due to the children who brought toys to the special service held in the Cathedral on V.D.A. Sunday and to St. Peter's Church Group for their gifts of toys. As gifts are now sent to adult patients in Hospitals, including the Lepers in Pakhoi Hospital, it was decided, at a meeting of the Standing Committee held on December 9, 1927, to change the title of this fund from "Xmas Toy Fund" to "Xmas Gifts Fund."


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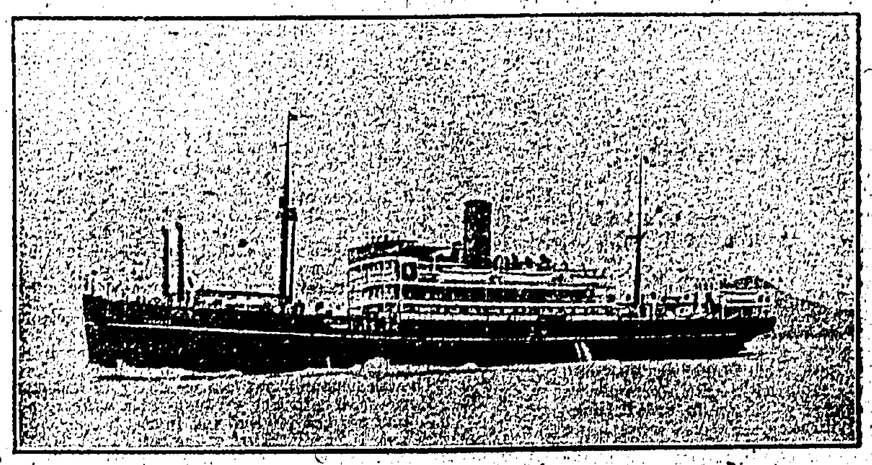

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# THE SAN NAM HOI.

## OFFICERS VINDICATED BY INQUIRY VERDICT.

The Coroner's inquiry regarding the death of Mr. Henry Conway, Chief Officer of the str. San Nam Hoi, and two Indian guards, was concluded before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

After retiring for 20 minutes, the jury returned the following verdict:

"We find that the late Mr. Henry Conway and the two Indian guards met their deaths as a result of bullet wounds received during an encounter with pirates on board the s.s. San Nam Hoi, on January 17, on a voyage from Kongmoon.

"We return a verdict of wilful murder against Chu Kai-sheung and other persons unknown.

"We are of the opinion that the Captain has taken the necessary precautions and that his ship is adequately protected against piracy.

"We are satisfied that the Captain, the late Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer, and the Indian guards did their best under the circumstances to protect that ship, and but for their outstanding bravery, the ship would have fallen into the hands of the pirates.

"We extend our sympathy to the families of the Chief Officer and the Indian Guards."

The Coroner, (Major C. Willson), and Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the owners, associated themselves with the sympathies expressed and the tribute paid by the jury.


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| KASHMIR | 8,985 | 17th Mar. | M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull |
| †MIRZAPORE | 6,715 | 18th Mar. | Straits, Colombo & Bombay |
| KARMALA | 9,128 | 24th Mar. | Marseilles & London |
| MANTUA | 10,946 | 31st Mar. | Marseilles & London |
| *KALYAN | 9,144 | 7th Apr. | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| MONGOLIA | 16,504 | 14th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
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| KASHGAR | 9,005 | 12th May. | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| †JEYPORE | 5,318 | 19th May. | Marseilles & London |
| MALWA | 10,986 | 26th May. | Marseilles & London |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 9th June. | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| NOVARA | 6,989 | 16th June. | Marseilles, & London |
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| TALMA | 10,000 | 21st Feb. | Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
| †MIRZAPORE | 6,715 | 21st Feb. | Moji & Kobe |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 25th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| MONGOLIA | 16,504 | 2nd Mar. | S'hai, Kobe & Yoko |
| TAKLIWA | 7,936 | 3rd Mar. | Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
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| †NAGPORE | 5,283 | 6th Mar. | S'hai, Kobe & Yoko |
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| †LAHORE | 5,252 | 19th Mar. | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko |
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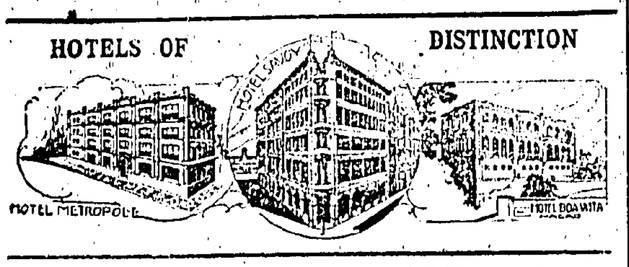


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## LIBERALS TURN THE TABLES.

### RESULTS OF THE LANCASTER BY-ELECTION.

London, Feb. 10.

The Lancaster by-election, caused by the elevation to the peerage of Sir Gerald Strickland, resulted as follows:

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|---|---|
| Mr. Tomlinson (Lib.) | 14,689 |
| Mr. Ramsbottom (C.) | 12,860 |
| Rev. Mr. Davies (Lab.) | 6,101 |
| Liberal maj. | 1,829 |

The result was a gain for the Liberal Party.—*Reuter.*

[At the last election, the voting resulted:—Sir Gerald Strickland (Con.) 15,243; Mr. J. J. O'Neill (Lib.) 11,085; Mr. H. M. Watkins (Lab.) 5,572. Formerly it was a Liberal seat, Sir Gerald Strickland deposing Mr. O'Neill.]

### Mr. Ll. George's Congratulations.

London, Feb. 10.

Mr. Lloyd George has telegraphed to Mr. Tomlinson his congratulations on the "stunning victory, which will have an historical effect on future politics. The Tory candidate has been shanghaied."—*Reuter.*

## GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

### PRESIDENT HINDENBURG INTERVENES.

Berlin, Feb. 10.

President Hindenburg has intervened to prevent the threatened political crisis arising out of the Government's School Bill.

In a letter to Dr. Marx, the Chancellor, who threatened to withdraw from the Cabinet, the President reminds him that the Reichstag has many urgent tasks on hand, particularly in reference to the Budget.

He appeals to all to postpone the education dispute and to maintain a workable Government until all other problems have been settled.

There is little doubt that the Reichstag will respond to the appeal. A General Election is most probable in May.—*Reuter.*

## LOG OF THE R. A. F. FLIGHT.

### MACHINES GIVE EVERY SATISFACTION.

London, Feb. 10.

The log of the four Air Force flying-boats now on their way to the Far East, for the section from Felixstowe to Karachi, has been published by the Air Ministry.

It showed that 4,834 nautical miles were covered, the average per aircraft being 72 hours, 40 minutes. The aircraft and engines were most satisfactory and the health of the personnel good.

The most difficult part of the flight was the 8½ hours from Alexandretta to Ramadi. Low clouds and down currents were encountered in the mountain pass behind Alexandretta; and then heavy rain and dust storms.—*Reuter.*

## GERMANY'S FORCES.

### HIGHEST DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY.

Berlin, Feb. 10.

Germany is fettered under the Peace Treaty of Versailles in a manner which is unbearable for a sovereign State, said Herr Groener, the new Minister of Defence, addressing the Budget Committee of the Reichstag to-day.

The Defence Minister added that Germany cannot conduct a war on a great scale with an Army of 100,000, but their small Army must present the highest degree of efficiency and adaptability and always be ready to ensure the security of the State.—*Reuter.*

## WUHU AGITATION.

### ANTI-BRITISH ORGANISATION THREATENED.

Wuhu, Feb. 10.

Chiang Kai-shek has gone to Yochow.

General Chen Tiao-yen, of the 37th Army, has offered the Chief of Police of Wuhu to disband the Diplomatic Reinforcements Society, which is an anti-British organisation.—*Naval Wireless.*

## "TOTE" BILL INTRODUCED.

London, Feb. 10.

The Bill to establish the totalisator on racecourses was read a first time in the House of Commons to-day.—*British Wireless.*

## TOURIST GETS A DUCKING.

### SAMPAN OVERTURNS IN HARBOUR.

A Belgenland tourist met with an unhappy experience yesterday on going ashore.

Stepping into a sampan which came alongside to pick up passengers, the next moment he found himself precipitated into the water, with the other occupants of the boat, as the frail craft overbalanced and capsized.

Fortunately, rescue work was promptly carried out, and, with the sampan woman and her family, the tourist was fished out, none the worse except for a cold ducking.

## DECLARED ILLEGAL.

### THREE MORE SOCIETIES PROSCRIBED.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the following societies are declared to be unlawful societies:

The Kau Kong Luk Kwan Ping Ka Lo Tung P'ing Yi Ngoi Yu.

The K'iu Kong Ping Fong Tso Tin Kung Sz.

The Heung Kong Ping Ka Kung Sheung Tsui Tsap Sho.

## THE BELL-IRVING ESTATE.

### CHIEF JUSTICE DISMISSES APPEAL.

Judgment was given by Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, in the appeal by the administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Isabella Bell-Irving against the decision of the Commissioner to carry out the provisions of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915.

After a lengthy judgment, his Lordship dismissed the appeal with costs.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the appellant.

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The Chief Engineer of the s.s. Kwong Sang, Mr. Ray, has reported to the police the theft of three coils of Manila rope from the boat.

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The name of Mr. Paul S. Woo, who holds the Diploma of the Loyola University, New Orleans, La., has been added to the dental register.

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Arrested by C. P. O. Clark while going ashore from the s.s. Chung On, in possession of 20 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese was today fined $1,000 with the alternative of eight months' hard labour. Another Chinese charged by S. R. O. Watt, and said to be a dealer in raw opium, was fined $500, or three months.

## RUSE CONTRE RUSE.

*(Being a recently-translated fragment of a modern tragedy wherein the Editor appears to have uttered a final warning to a slothful jester.)*

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Savant.
First Plumester.
Second Plumester.
Chorus of Proof-Readers, Reporters, Attendants, Messengers and Watchmen.

SCENE.—"Sanctum Sanctorum."

Scene opens:—

1st. P. (Eagerly perusing parchment document): A bug hath woven hieroglyphics on this screed— What cheek!

Sav. Tut tut! thou fool! Can'st see not that 'tis Greek Writ by a scribe removed from our free-lists, Who now would slay with pen instead of fists?

2nd. P. A clever one, e'en so, great Sav., Who seemingly would have his name replaced Midst honour, rather than with those of scribes disgraced!

1st. P. Think not he curses hapless Fates and Lucks Which threaten him per mensem with three bucks?

*Chorus.* Oh hapless Fates,
Oh hapless Lucks,
Why torture hapless sinners,
Whose hapless wit
Won't help a bit
To brighten Bulls and Inners?

We need the rates;
Though but three bucks,
Unless the jokes are winners.
Though this scribe's wit,
When 'nough of it,
Did brighten Bulls and Inners.

Sav. This parchment does perchance reveal a wail. The varlet threatens to peruse the *Mail!*

2nd. P. Which surely indicates that he Admits he's due for purgatory.

1st. P. Unless, great Sav., and this I breathe as warning, He might repent, and write a Bull each morning!

*Chorus.* The early bird
It is averred,
Can catch a worm each morning.
But that's all play
Compared to .....say....
Writing Bulls *sans* warning.

Sav. Methinks a warning will infuse his breast with flattery,

1st. P. Or possibly arouse therein assault and battery.

2nd. P. The battery such, one should know, is but a path He treads each day when seeking "other half."

Sav. Dost mean he lives near regions Secretariat, Far moved from common clay .....the Proletariat?

2nd. P. Indeed 'tis true. But judgment stay, lest in dismay Those walls he should bespatter, With embryonic verse ———grey matter!

1st. P. The problem we so earnestly attack, Seems quite obtuse, alas, alack.

2nd. P. How so? 'Tis simply that our policy we're bending, Unless we free-list scribes without an ending.

*Chorus.* Alas and alack,
Our Jester is slack;
He's now got the sack,
Through not doing his whack.

Sav. 'Tis not that he was always barren of good humour, But on occasions landed me with such a stumour, Couched in remarks (excuse the licence) ribald That threatened me with actions—Penkites libelled. His recent screed was so distinctly witty That to condemn it to perdition would cause pity.

1st. P. Why so condemn, when but a plea would win it, And our fair page be better for it in it?

2nd. P. That sounds a really excellent solution, Though some may say *tant pis* .....In fact, pollution. However, it may e'en yet turn out a winner, *A quid pro quo* for Bull and Inner.

Sav. Wouldst thou replace this scribe upon the list, For one effusion clever? Far better be that we insist On frequent contributions, from now and forever.

*Chorus and Curtain.*—Far better be
Such scribery
An oft-repeated feature.
So just get the habit
And work like a rabbit
That really prolific young creature.


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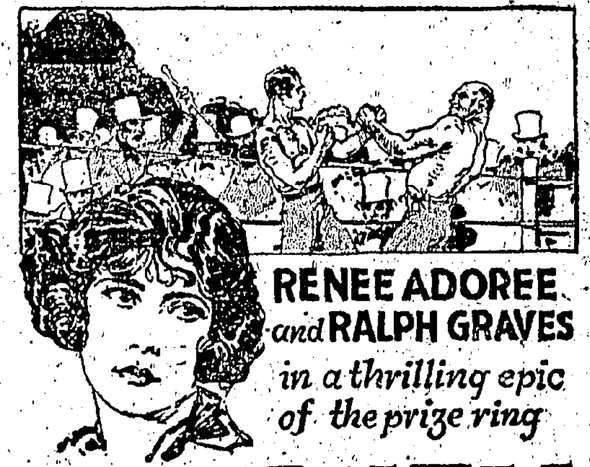

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